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Dedicated to my husband
P. ROGER CLEARY

without whose sympathy, interest, encouragement
and assistance I would never have been able to
compile this record.===H. C. J. C.

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THE JENCKES FAMILY IN AMERICA

IN ONE DIRECT LINE

from

JOSEPH JENCKES

WHO CAME TO LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1642

to

JEREMIAH WHIPPLE AND HESTER LANE JENCKES

THEIR DESCENDANTS TO, AND THROUGH, THE

SIXTH GENERATION, TO 1937

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GENERATIONS AND FAMILIES

In this history are the generations who are descendants in one direct line from Joseph Jenckes, who came to America from England in 1642, down to Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks, and from them six generations down to July 1, 1937. In these six generations are eight families, which are chronicled more or less briefly in the following pages.

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Part I, Chapter I
Ancestors of One Line Only

JOSEPH JENCKES I
(1602-1683)

(Lynn, Massachusetts Bay Colony)

The first of the Jenckes clan to come to America was Joseph Jenckes, who was born in Hammersmith, England, near London, in 1602. He was a master mechanic, an operator of an extensive foundry and metal works, and an expert blacksmith. One of the cousins facetiously refers to him as "Our worthy progenitor, Joseph Jenckes, the honest blacksmith." He was presumably a descendant of the Welsh or ancient Britons, and of the Jenckes of Wolverton, Staffordshire county, England. That they were all of a mechanical turn of mind is evidenced by the following, which was clipped from an old newspaper:

"Steel is aptly named. The first man who made a piece of iron that would stand a high test in carbon and fiber was a Mr. Jenckes of Wolverton, Staffordshire, England. He was an iron-master by trade and a skillful mechanic. He applied certain chemicals to the iron in its melted state, but no one but him knew for a long time the ingredients. He allowed no one to inspect his furnaces except those whom he could trust, and even his men knew nothing about the inner workings of his business.

"He had a small shop in the rear of his foundry, and here behind locked doors, he arranged the chemicals for every bit of metal turned out. Finally two men, Henry Bessemer and William Cook, after planning for some time, succeeded in getting the watchman drunk after the foundry was closed for the night and climbed into Jenckes' laboratory, where they obtained a bottle of chemicals which they took to New York for analysis. A short time later a new firm was started, which succeeded in driving the real inventor to the wall and which received most of the credit for originating the tempered steel. These facts were well known to many steel workers of that day."

Returning to Joseph Jenckes, we are told that he was a widower with two sons, Joseph, Jr., and George, and that he was a very "ingenious man." Governor Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, realizing that the colonies needed such men, earnestly entreated Mr. Jenckes to come to America and cast his lot with the colonists in the new world. In 1642 Mr. Jenckes arrived in Lynn, Massachusetts. In 1645 he was found at the Saugus Iron Works.

He married again in Lynn and raised a second family of three sons and two daughters: Sara, b. 1650, Samuel, b. 1654, John, b. 1660, Deborah, b. 1658, Daniel, b. 1663. He was the acknowledged head of the iron-smelting and foundry business,

and first builder of machinery in this country. He was also the first patentee of inventions in America, having introduced the idea (first granted in England by act of Parliament in 1625) of protection for the manufacturer of improvements by petition to the government of Massachusetts Bay. Almost all the Jenckses (or Jenks) in America today trace their descent to this first Joseph.

There is no record of the other son, George, ever having come to America. Perhaps he was the ancestor of the Jenckses (or Jenks) who have come here of late years, including Carmen Jenks, my daughter's little maid, in Riverside, Illinois, or of Sir Maurice Jenks, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1930. The surname was spelled Jenckes, Jencks, Jenkes, and Jenks (the present spelling), but never "Jinx." Joseph H. Jenckes, the present mayor of Phoenix, Arizona, is undoubtedly a descendant of our Joseph, but not in our direct line.

Captain John Jenckes, grandson of Joseph, Sr., was trumpeter of a "Company of Horse" in Lynn, Massachusetts. This company was styled "Horse Marines" and it may be the foundation for the old song entitled: "I'm Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines; I feed my horse on corn and beans; of course, it's quite beyond the means of a captain in the army."

It appears that the first patent granted in America was to Joseph Jenckes in 1646, which read as follows:

First Patent in America:

At a generall Courte at *London*
 the 6th of the 3th m^o 1646

The Court considering the necessity of raising such manufactures of engines of mills to go by water for speedy dispatch of much worke wth few hands, & being sufficiently informed of the ability of y^e petitioner to performe such worke grant his petition (y^e no oth^r person shall set up, or use any such new invention, or trade for fourteen yeares wthout the licence of him y^e said Joseph Jenkes) so far as concerns any such new invention, & so as it shalbe alwayes in y^e pow^r of this Courte to restraine y^e exportation of such manufactures, & y^e prizes of them to moderation if occasion so require.

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JOSEPH JENKES, of Hounslow, Middlesex, England; Settled at Lynn, Mass., in 1643, where he died in 1683, aged 81 years.

"A man of great genius." He made the dies for coining the first money; also built the first fire engine in America.

His son Joseph was Governor's assistant of Rhode Island in 1681, and built a large iron foundry near Providence.

His grandson Joseph was Governor of Rhode Island, 1727-1732.

A second patent appears to have been issued to Joseph Jenkes (or Jenckes) on May 22, 1655, and reads as follows:

"It is ordered by this courte that Joseph Jenckes, Sr., and his assignes only shall have liberty granted to them to make the engin, the so Jenkes hath power to this courte for the more speedy cutting of grass for seven years, and that no inhabitant or other person within this jurisdiction during that time shall make or use ye kind of engin without lycence first obtayned from so Jenkes on the penalty of five pounds for every such engin so made or used as offered, to be recovered at any courte in this jurisdiction by the so Joseph Jenkes, Sr."

In 1652 Joseph Jenckes, Sr., made the dies for coining the money known as the Pine Tree Shilling, by order of the Colony. In 1654 he designed the first fire engine ever built in this country to the order of the selectmen of Boston. He died in Lynn, Massachusetts, in March, 1683.

JOSEPH JENCKES II (1632-1717)

(Providence and Pawtucket, Rhode Island)

The second Joseph joined his father in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1647. He was born in Hammersmith, England, in 1632, and, at the age of fifteen, came to America. He married Esther Ballard, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ballard, of Lynn, who came to America on the ship James in 1635, and in 1669 Joseph II went to Rhode Island with his young family. He first settled in the town of Warwick, so called from the Earl of that name, whose ancestress was Elizabeth Jenckes, wife of Lord Chancellor Rich. He moved from Warwick to North Providence and, with others, founded the town of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. I have been told that there is a tablet marking the site of the first settlement and mentioning his name as one of its founders. He is said to have built the first house in Pawtucket. Many of his descendants are still living there. His descendants are therefore eligible to membership in the Daughters of Patriots and Founders.

"By his enterprise, the foundation was laid which made that town the great iron workshop of the colonies and the place where skilled mechanics, who have made Rhode Island noted for her iron and steel works, machinery and other manufactories, gathered." He was assistant governor of Rhode Island in 1681.†

Joseph II left five daughters and four sons. Of his sons, Joseph III (though not in our direct line but interesting) was assistant governor of Rhode Island eleven years and governor for five years; Ebenezer, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Providence; Nathaniel, major of militia and active in public affairs; William (an ancestor of Charles N. Jenks of Hopewell, Virginia), lawyer and chief justice of the colony. He died in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, January 8, 1717.

Joseph II is recorded as Freeman in 1677; House of Deputies, Providence, 1679-1680; Assistant Governor, 1680-1691; chosen by assembly to run Eastern Line of Colony, 1695. January 30, 1690, he and five other officials wrote a letter to King William and Queen Mary congratulating them upon their accession to the throne of England.

The children of Joseph Jenckes II were: Joseph, b. 1656; Elizabeth, b. 1658, m. Samuel Taft, an ancestor of former President Taft, d. 1708; Sarah, m. Nathaniel Brown; Nathaniel, b. January 29, 1662, m. Hannah Bosworth; Esther, b. 1664, m. Samuel Millard; Ebenezer, b. 1669, m. Mary Butterworth; Joanna, b. 1672, m. Sylvester Scott, d. 1756; Abigail, b. 1673, m. Thomas Whipple; William, b. 1675, m. Patience Sprague, d. October 2, 1725.

† In the Library of the New England Historical Society, Boston, New England Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Volume 9, page 201.

NATHANIEL JENCKES

(1662-1721)

(Pawtucket, Rhode Island)

Nathaniel, son of Joseph and Esther Ballard Jenckes, was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, January 29, 1662. He was a major in the colonial militia and active in all civic affairs. He married Hannah Bosworth, who was the daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Howland Bosworth. Hannah Howland Bosworth was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Tilley Howland. Elizabeth Tilley was supposed to be the granddaughter of Governor Carver. All came over in the Mayflower. Mrs. John Howland left in her will a bequest of "Two linen sheets and two linen pillow-bores to her daughter, Hannah Howland Bosworth." Hannah Bosworth was born in Swansea, Massachusetts, November 15, 1663, and died in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in 1723. Nathaniel died in Pawtucket August, 1721, leaving two sons and two daughters, Jonathan and Nathaniel, Hannah and Elizabeth. His descendants are eligible to the Mayflower Descendants, the Pilgrim John Howland Society and the Colonial Dames.

Nathaniel, a major in the colonial army, naturally signed allegiance to the English King, Charles II, 1632, for which act his brothers attempted to force him to spell his name "Jenks." He was made Freeman, 1690; Captain of Militia, 1709; Major, later on. He was called "Strong Nat" and was said to be able to lift 2,000 pounds. He was a Deputy, 1709-10-13, and a member of the Form Council, 1719-23. He died in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, August 17, 1723.

JOHN TILLEY

The following, from the Mayflower year book, though not in our line, is important: John Tilley, father of Elizabeth Tilley, died soon after they came ashore. His wife died before April 21, 1621. His daughter, Elizabeth, born 1607, was a member of Governor Carver's household.

The Boston Transcript of a few years ago stated that it was supposed that Governor Carver's daughter was the first wife of John Tilley and the mother of Elizabeth. This has been proved untrue. Elizabeth Tilley married John Howland after August 14, 1623, and died December 21, 1687, aged 80 years.

John Howland, born 1592, married after August 14, 1623, Elizabeth, the orphaned daughter of John Tilley. John Howland died February 23, 1673.

JONATHAN JENCKES

(1688-1748)

(Pawtucket, Rhode Island)

Jonathan Jenckes was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in 1688. He was the son of Major Nathaniel and Hannah Bosworth Jenckes. He married Mary Slack, of Scituate, Rhode Island, in 1707. He died April 26, 1748. Mary Slack was the daughter of William and Mary Slack. William died in Attleboro, Mass., April 26, 1728; his wife, in 1734. The children of Jonathan and Mary Slack Jenckes were Jonathan, Jerusha, Elizabeth, Hannah and Rebecca Jenckes. Other children were born later, of whom we have no record.

JONATHAN JENCKES, JR.

(A Revolutionary Ancestor)

(1718-1787)

(Cumberland, Rhode Island)

Jonathan Jenckes, Jr., was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island, in 1718. He was the son of Jonathan (senior) and Mary Slack Jenckes. He married Hannah (or Harriet) Pullen in 1736. During the Revolutionary War he was one of the crew of the prize sloop, Providence, September 20, 1777. He signed the Association Test, North Providence, in 1776. (Arnold's History of Rhode Island).

Children of Jonathan and Hannah (or Harriet) Pullen Jenckes were: David, b. July 4, 1737, in Cumberland, Rhode Island (now North Providence); Jeremiah, b. November 29, 1739, in Smithfield, Rhode Island, m. Lucy Whipple, February 25, 1776; Asa, b. December 21, 1741 (?); Mary, b. March 22, 1744; Amos, b. January 6, 1746, m. Amey Savage, January 29, 1769; Nathaniel, b. December 4, 1747, m. Lydia Tower, July 7, 1776; Oliver W., b. December 29, 1749 (said to have moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire); Hannah, b. December 25, 1751, m. Nathan Weeks, November 4, 1770; Annie, b. September 1, 1753; Jonathan, b. August 26, 1755.

Jonathan Jenckes, Jr., d. in Winchester, New Hampshire, in 1787.

His descendants are eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

JEREMIAH JENCKES
(A Revolutionary Ancestor)
(1739-1811)
(Newport, New Hampshire)

Jeremiah, son of Jonathan Jenckes, Jr., was born in Smithfield, Rhode Island, November 29, 1739. He married Lucy Whipple (born in Cumberland, April 16, 1746) February 26, 1776. Genealogy of the family of Jenckes, of Newport, New Hampshire, by George E. Jenckes, states that Jeremiah Jenckes (a member of the Militia in Smithfield) bought a farm at the foot of Claremont Hill, between Newport and Claremont, in 1776. Tradition says that Mr. Jenckes and his bride of a few months came from Rhode Island to Newport, New Hampshire, on horseback. She rode on a pillion behind her husband with her wedding trousseau in the saddle bags. In riding through the woods he uprooted a small elm tree which he gave to his wife for a riding whip. Upon arriving at the place where they expected to build their future home, Mrs. Jenckes dug a hole with the toe of her slipper and planted the sapling her husband had given her. The tree grew and flourished, and for many years guarded the big colonial house they later erected for their home.

Mr. Jenckes' name appeared third in the list of the signers of the Association Test in 1776, which was circulated for signatures at the request of the Committee of Safety for the Colony. At a meeting of the citizens July 24, 1776, he was chosen second lieutenant of the Newport Volunteers and was among those who left June 9, 1777, to take part in the capture of Ticonderoga. In 1791 he was one of a committee of three to fix the value of farm products, which schedule of prices was to be used as a basis of exchange in lieu of money. In the same year he was elected selectman (school man) and was one of a committee of five to superintend the building of the Congregational meeting house, which, for thirty years, served that society, and which stood at the foot of Claremont Hill.

Another tradition: After Lt. Jenckes went to war, Madam Jenckes, (as she was called) opened her old colonial home as a wayside tavern for the entertainment of "man and beast." George Washington, in the first year of his presidency, made a tour through New Hampshire. He passed the night at Mrs. Jenckes' tavern. In the morning at breakfast, he remarked to Mrs. Jenckes, "Madam, your bread is very beautiful."

In 1802 Mr. Jenckes was the heaviest tax-payer in Newport. He gave a farm of more than one hundred acres to each of three sons, the homestead of 200 acres to a fourth son, and a forty acre lot to each of his three daughters.

Mr. Jenckes was of unusual stature, as were three of his sons. He was several inches over six feet. His wife and three of his daughters were nearly as tall. He died January 4, 1811,

at Newport, New Hampshire; his wife died May 19, 1819. Their children were: Hannah, b. March 22, 1777, m. Col. James D. Walcott; Nancy, b. March 7, 1779, m. Dr. Abiel Ladoyt; Jeremiah Whipple (our grandfather), Oliver, Lucy, Bela Whipple, Thomas Bowen, and Betsey.

His descendants are eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Part II, Chapter II
Ancestors and Their Descendants
JEREMIAH WHIPPLE JENKS I
(1780-1852)
and
HESTER WRIGHT LANE JENKS
(1784-1850)
(Newport, New Hampshire)

Jeremiah Whipple, son of Jeremiah and Lucy Whipple Jenks, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, June 11, 1780. He was married in Newport, New Hampshire, January 26, 1803, to Hester Wright Lane (born in Sutton, New Hampshire, January 2, 1784), of Lebanon, Connecticut. Mr. Jenks' father, Jeremiah Jenks, gave him a farm of 100 acres near Newport, New Hampshire. In 1815, he disposed of this property and moved to Bridgeport, Vermont. Two years later, 1817, he removed with his family to Crown Point, New York, where he purchased a farm overlooking Lake Champlain. I have heard Father tell of how he and his brothers loved rowing on the lake. One day they saw a box bobbing about in the water in a peculiar manner. They rowed out and towed it to shore to find that it contained a snarling bear cub, undoubtedly washed overboard from some boat carrying a circus.

Mr. Jenks engaged in farming and lumbering until his death, August 12, 1852. His wife died October 24, 1850. She was an invalid for many years. All the children revered their mother and it is told of her that a quarrelsome neighbor said Mrs. Jenks was the only "nice woman in the town." Someone asked Mrs. Jenks what she talked about with the neighbor and she said, "Why I do not know. I guess about her chickens."

Their eleven children were: Arzelia, b. March 3, 1804, d. February 13, 1814; Lucy Corbin, b. January 10, 1806, d. January 24, 1806; Nancy, b. August 21, 1807, d. August 31, 1807 (these three died so young that they do not again come into our record); Hester Amelia, b. December 22, 1808, in Newport, New Hampshire, d. February 28, 1877, in St. Clair, Michigan; Jeremiah, b. Newport, New Hampshire, December 24, 1810, d. January 2, 1893, in Sand Beach, Michigan; Jesse Lane, b. in Newport, New Hampshire, April 8, 1813, d. in Sand Beach, Michigan, in 1876; Arzelia, b. in Newport, July 10, 1815, d. May 5, 1851, Newport, New Hampshire; Lucy Ann, b. Crown Point, New York, May 2, 1817, d. October 12, 1895, in St. Clair, Michigan; Benjamin Lane, b. Crown Point, New York, April 25, 1820, d. December 11, 1869, at Woods Mill in Sanilac township, Forester, Michigan; Bela Whipple, m. Crown Point, New York, June 6, 1824, d. in St. Clair, Michigan, October 23, 1897; Robert Henry, b. Crown Point, New York, April 28, 1827, d. June 12, 1898, in St. Clair, Michigan.

Chapter III

HESTER AMELIA JENKS II

(Mrs. Royal Stowell)

(1808-1877)

(Saint Clair, Michigan)

Hester Amelia, daughter of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks, of Lebanon, Connecticut, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, December 22, 1808. She came to Crown Point, New York, with her parents in 1817. She married Royal Stowell (b. August 23, 1798, d. 1888) October 23, 1834. They came to St. Clair, Michigan, in 1856. They lived in St. Clair and on a farm west of the town for many years. Two children were born to them in Crown Point, New York: Sarai (b. in 1836, d. in 1857) and Asa Russ Stowell (b. in 1837, d. in 1909). The daughter lived to be twenty-one, but, as a result of a childhood epidemic, she was always an infant. Mrs. Stowell died February 23, 1877.

Aunt Hester was dearly beloved by all. She was a mother to her younger brothers and their admiration and affection for her were unbounded. Their own mother was an invalid for many years.

Uncle "R'yal" as we, as children, called him, was a shy, quiet little man, but very kind. He usually had a book or newspaper in his hands, behind which he was lost to the world. Mother said he had a fine education; I think he was quite deaf. He carried a sharp jack knife in his pocket and was never too busy to whittle the most wonderful spinning tops out of the spools, big and little, which we, as children, collected and brought to him for that purpose. I remember him with affection.

They lived in the small house just east of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church on Jay street in St. Clair. I used to love to sit on their doorstep in summer on Sunday mornings and listen to the congregation sing "Ein Feste Berg ist Unser Gott." The whole congregation sang as though they felt and believed every word they were singing.

Uncle Royal died on the farm west of Saint Clair, July 23, 1888, at ninety years of age.

ASA RUSS STOWELL

(1837-1909)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Asa Russ, son of Hester Jenks and Royal Stowell, St. Clair, Michigan, was born in Crown Point, New York, March 31, 1837. He attended a private school in New York. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1856. He taught school and farmed. In the meantime, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He filled several political offices, was circuit court commissioner, supervisor and justice of the peace.

His first wife was Eugenia Wicker (b. in 1850, d. September 7, 1884), of Olean, New York. They were married in 1876. Two children were born to them, one died in infancy. The other, Royal Wicker Stowell, was born December 22, 1877.

Judge Stowell's second wife was Mrs. Deborah Bowman. No children. He died in St. Clair, December 23, 1909.

ROYAL WICKER STOWELL

(Detroit, Michigan)

Royal Wicker, son of Asa Russ and Eugenia Wicker Stowell, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, December 22, 1877. He attended St. Clair schools and married Mrs. Nellie Anderson Hill of St. Clair (b. September 5, 1882) June 17, 1920. No children. They are now living at 17235 Evanston street, Detroit.

Chapter IV

JEREMIAH JENKS

(1810-1893)

(Sand Beach, Michigan)

Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks, of Crown Point, New York, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, December 13, 1810. He went with his parents to Crown Point in 1817.

In 1837 he married Relief Huestis (born September 4, 1811), daughter of Daniel Huestis, in Coventry, Vermont. Two children were born to them in Crown Point: George Walton, May 9, 1838, and Mary Elizabeth, September 25, 1846.

The family came to St. Clair, Michigan, in 1854, removed to Lexington, Michigan, owned the Cadillac Hotel, in 1855, and to Rock Falls, Michigan, in 1861.

If I remember rightly, the settlement of Rock Falls was the center of the lumbering interests of Pack, Woods and Company, later Pack, Jenks and Company, 15,000 acres of timberland in Huron county. This settlement consisted of a large saw mill and other industries, operated a large general store, a boarding house for the single men and the homes of other employees, and a big, rambling old house on the shore of Lake Huron, which was Uncle Jerry's home. The lumber business flourished until the timber in the vicinity had been cut and manufactured into lumber and shipped by boat.

Aunt Relief died in Rock Falls in 1873. I dimly remember her as a tall, dark woman and very frail. She was reserved and I stood in great awe of her. As a child I thought she had the most beautiful clothes and jewelry I had ever seen.

Uncle Jerry came to see us more frequently after Aunt Relief died. I think he was very lonely and perhaps there was another attraction for him in St. Clair. Father had the greatest esteem, amounting almost to reverence, for his oldest brother, who was nearly twenty years his senior.

As children we loved to have him come, for not only was the best linen, silver and china used while he was there, but father bought the choicest food. Nothing was too good for Uncle Jerry. He conducted family prayers and asked the blessing at the table at Father's request. Poor Father, during this ceremony, was obliged to keep glaring about the table to keep the children from tittering and forever disgracing him in his brother's eyes.

Mother thoroughly enjoyed these religious ceremonies and was sweetly unconscious of anything but her devotions. On one of these occasions I rashly attempted to show how smart I was by quoting something from the Bible about "apples of gold in

pitchers of silver." Of course, I got it all wrong and Uncle Jerry enjoyed putting me right. But with his old-fashioned courtesy, he bowed to Mother and said, "I only wish I knew my Bible as your mother knows hers."

Uncle Jerry married the widow of his brother, Benjamin Lane Jenks, in St. Clair in 1874 (Amanda Messer Jenks) and took her and her family to Rock Falls to live.

About four miles north of Rock Falls on the crest of Lake Huron there was a natural harbor. The bay was deep and the beach smooth and sandy. In 1873 Congress voted to build a breakwater across the front of this bay and establish a harbor of refuge for vessels of the Great Lakes. Work was begun in 1874. All the land in the vicinity was owned by the lumber company. The first plats of the village organized in 1873 were signed by Pack and Jenks, and it was named Sand Beach. Uncle Jerry built a large, square, brick house, with a cupola on the top, in the center of the village. The house was surrounded by a beautiful lawn and this by a picket fence extending to the main street. In that day horses, cows and pigs were allowed on the roads and streets. Walt and other cousins built homes on the main street.

In 1876 Uncle Jerry purchased all the interests of other owners and became sole owner and founded the firm of J. Jenks and Company, consisting of Jeremiah Jenks, George Walton Jenks, his son, and several nephews. The business grew and expanded until it embraced manufacturing, general merchandising, milling and real estate. Uncle Jerry was elected State Senator in 1877.

Uncle Jerry died in Harbor Beach, January 2, 1893. "Aged 82 years and nineteen days" is the inscription on the tombstone in Rock Falls Cemetery, a lovely "God's Acre" situated on the shore of Lake Huron, where almost all the Sand Beach Jenkses lie. He had always been a most ardent Baptist and left a considerable sum of money to the Baptist College at Kalamazoo.

After Uncle Jerry's death, the firm of J. Jenks & Company was reorganized and is still in existence, but only as a land holding company.

Cousin Lee tells me that at one time, when the five brothers were together in St. Clair, they stepped on the scales and their combined weight totaled 1,000 pounds. All except Uncle Jesse were unusually large men.

Aunt Amanda, his second wife, died in Harbor Beach, April 12, 1897, and was buried beside her first husband in St. Clair, Michigan.

GEORGE WALTON JENKS

(1838-1898)

(Sand Beach, Michigan)

George Walton, son of Jeremiah and Relief Huestis Jenks, was born May 9, 1838, in Crown Point, New York. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1854, and thence to Rock Falls, and to Sand Beach in 1876. As a young man he taught school and clerked in the store of J. L. Woods in Lexington, and later on entered the firm of J. Jenks and Company, successors to Pack, Jenks and Company, with his father.

When the war of the Rebellion broke out, Walton was one of the first to enlist in Company D, 10th Michigan Infantry. He served for some time and became successively second, and first Lieutenant in 1863.

For many years Walton was president and general manager of the firm of J. Jenks and Company at Sand Beach.

He married Arabella Willard Knapp, of Jeddo, October 15, 1867. Three children were born to them, but only two are living: George J., and Anna Belle.

He was also president and director of the Michigan Millers' Fire Insurance Company with headquarters in Lansing. He died in California in May, 1898, and was buried in Rock Falls cemetery.

Once, when Walton and Cousin Belle were visiting us, he told us of a most dramatic experience which made such an impression on my mind that I have never forgotten it. In 1871, when forest fires were raging over the "cut-over" areas of Michigan, one morning he had occasion to drive west of Rock Falls about twelve miles. He drove a young thoroughbred mare, which had racing blood in her veins. At three o'clock in the afternoon the sky suddenly became as dark as midnight, the cause being smoke from forest fires. He went to the stable, where he had left his little mare. She was trembling with fear and seemed to sense great danger. He petted her and talked to her until she became calm. He started for home, but had driven only a short distance when the woods on both sides of the road became a blazing mass of fire showering him with sparks and burning twigs. The horse was wild with fright, but, being a thoroughbred, she knew her duty. Walt realized that his only chance was to beat the fire to the lake. He kept urging the little mare to her utmost speed. He talked soothingly to her above the roar of the flames and reached home only a short distance ahead of the fire. The little mare had saved his life, but at the cost of her own, for, when she reached her stable, she dropped dead.

In 1902 following the death of Cousin Walton, the firm of J. Jenks and Company was reorganized and became the Huron Milling Company with branches in New York, Chicago and Boston. The officers of the company at the present time are:

George J., president; Bela Walton Jenks, Jr., vice-president and general manager; Jeremiah V. Jenks, treasurer; Jesse C. Jenks, secretary.

GEORGE J. JENKS

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

George J. Jenks, son of George Walton and Arabella Knapp Jenks, was born in Rock Falls, Michigan, February 13, 1869. He attended the Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State College, graduating in 1889.

He married Bertha Wells, of Lansing, daughter of Hon. Franklin Wells, president of the State Board of Agriculture, in 1895. He was one of the organizers of the Huron Milling Company which took over the business. He entered the firm of J. Jenks and Company, of which he now is the president. He is a director in the Michigan Millers' Fire Insurance Company of Lansing. His home is in Harbor Beach, where they have a very beautiful home, but spends the winters in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

They have two children, Judith, and Jeremiah Van Buren.

The name of the village of Sand Beach was changed to Harbor Beach on March 23, 1899, and given immediate effect. The village became a city April 4, 1910.

JUDITH LLOYD JENKS

(Mrs. Charles Ilsley)

(Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

Judith Lloyd, daughter of George J. and Bertha Wells Jenks, was born in Harbor Beach, August 10, 1896. She attended Liggett School, Detroit, and had two years at Vassar College. She was married in Harbor Beach, September 18, 1920, to Charles Ilsley, of Milwaukee (b. March 17, 1893). Two children were born to them: Judith Lloyd, October 29, 1927, in Milwaukee, and Charles Ferdinand, October 24, 1929. These two children are of the fifth generation.

JEREMIAH VAN BUREN JENKS

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Jeremiah Van Buren, son of George J. and Bertha Wells Jenks, was born in Sand Beach, October 14, 1898. He is an alumnus of Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and of Yale University.

He was married to Ruth Macomber Ferriss of St. Louis, Missouri, February 3, 1934. A daughter, Jacqueline Lloyd, was born to them January 21, 1935. His home is in Harbor Beach. On his mother's side, the family was related to President Van Buren, hence the name. He is the eldest son of the eldest son for five generations back. He is treasurer of the Huron Milling Company.

ANNA BELLE JENKS
(Mrs. Gilmore G. Scranton)
(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Anna Belle Jenks Scranton, daughter of George Walton and Arabella Knapp Jenks, was born in Sand Beach, August 4, 1877. She graduated from the Detroit Seminary and Wheelock Kindergarten School, Boston, and attended the University of Chicago. On February 25, 1908, she was married to Gilmore Gridley Scranton, son of Myron W. Scranton, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Mr. Scranton was born July 21, 1863, and died December 30, 1924.

Anna Belle organized the Jeremiah Jenckes Chapter D.A.R., composed of twenty-three descendants of Lieutenant Jeremiah Jenckes, our Revolutionary ancestor. She is a member of the Colonial Dames, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, and of Pilgrim John Howland Society.

Four children who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scranton: John Gilmore Scranton, b. in Detroit, February 8, 1910, a graduate of Culver Military Academy, Indiana, Hun School, Princeton, Bryant and Stratton Business School, Boston, and attended Princeton University. He was married October 9, 1933, to Frances Patterson Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Bell, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. His home is in New York. Jack is head of the New York office of the Huron Milling Company. One son, John Gilmore Scranton, Jr., was born in New York, August 28, 1934.

George Jenks Scranton was born in Detroit, December 15, 1912. He attended Asheville School, Asheville, North Carolina, 1926-30, and graduated from the Country Day School for Boys, Boston, in 1932. George was graduated at Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, June 14, 1937.

Anne Barbeau Scranton was born in Detroit, March 30, 1915. She died September 30, 1919.

Rhoda Howland Scranton was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, October 5, 1916. She graduated from Beaver Country Day School, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, in 1932, and from the Masters' School, Dobbs Ferry, New York, in 1933. Graduated from Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont, June 12, 1937. She was married to Walker McLaughlen Sloan, Jr., of New York, at Harbor Beach, June 28, 1937.

Max says of Anna Belle, "She has been a devoted and wise mother to her children who are making useful and successful careers."

MARY ELIZABETH JENKS
(Mrs. Charles Seward Nims)
(1846-1912)

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah Jenks and Relief Huestis, was born in Crown Point, New York, September 25, 1846. She came to St. Clair, Michigan, with her parents in 1854. The family moved to Lexington, Michigan, in 1855. She attended the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, in 1864 and was married to Charles Seward Nims, November 22, 1865, at Rock Falls. Mr. Nims was born January 16, 1838; graduated from Harvard College, and was for many years editor and publisher of the Sanilac Jeffersonian. He died in Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 23, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Nims were married at six o'clock in the morning in order to get to Port Huron before night, a distance of 40 miles. The same distance could be covered today by automobile in 40 minutes.

Four children were born to them in Lexington: Charles Hannibal, Mary Elizabeth (b. September 28, 1871, d. November 3, 1872), Walton Edward, and Marion Relief

The family lived at different times in Lexington, Harbor Beach, Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Nims died October 12, 1912, at the home of her son, Doctor Charles H. Nims.

CHARLES HANNIBAL NIMS
(Medical Arts Building)

(Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas)

Charles Hannibal, son of Mary Elizabeth Jenks and Charles Seward Nims, was born in Lexington, Sanilac county, Michigan, March 20, 1870. He attended the Lexington schools, received an A. B. degree from Oberlin College in 1893, and an M. A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1897.

He was married August 5, 1897, to Georgia Smeallie (b. Independence, Iowa), who also received an M. A. degree at the University of Michigan in 1897 and an M. D. degree the same year.

During the World War, Dr. Nims was commissioned Major in M. O. R. C. He was in charge of the X-ray department of the Base Hospital at Camp Beauregard during the period of the war.

They have three adopted children: Vergil, b. 1915, d. 1936 in an auto accident; Lorene, b. 1916; and Burton, b. 1918, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Lorene was married, September 5, 1937, to Harry Rex Land, Jr., of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Doctor Nims is practicing Radiology at the above address and is also Radiologist at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Hot Springs.

WALTON EDWARD NIMS

(Bothwell, Washington)

Walton Edward Nims, son of Mary Elizabeth Jenks and Charles S. Nims, was born in Lexington, Sanilac county, Michigan, July 27, 1875. He married Josephine June Plough in Port Huron in 1901 and moved to Bothwell, Washington. Four children have been born to them: Charles Seward, April 5, 1905; George, July 10, 1910; Bruce, November 24, 1912, and Marion Elizabeth, April 5, 1920. George was married to Dorothy Methler, June 2, 1934.

MARION RELIEF NIMS

(New York City, N. Y.)

Marion Relief, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Jenks and Charles S. Nims, was born in Lexington, Michigan, February 16, 1877. She attended Oberlin College and was graduated by the University of Michigan, A. B. degree.

She taught in the high school at Harbor Beach, Mich., and at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, several years, and one year, 1918, in Washington.

During the war, 1917-18, Marion was a member of The News Department of the Government with Ida M. Tarbell as head of the department. During this time, Marion prepared and edited a treatise entitled "Women's Work in The War, a Bibliography" which was published and had a wide distribution.

She was a member of the faculty of the American School in Japan and was in Tokio at the time of the earthquake. She was in Japan three years.

She was a charter member of the Jeremiah Jenckes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Harbor Beach. She is now on the staff of the New Yorker, New York City.

Chapter V

JESSE LANE JENKS

(1813-1876)

(Sand Beach, Michigan)

Jesse Lane, son of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Wright Lane Jenks, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, April 8, 1813. He removed to Crown Point, New York, with his parents in 1817. He married Jane Minor, October 6, 1847. Their children were: Bela Whipple, b. 1849; Robert Minor, b. 1851, d. 1854; Ben, b. 1852, d. 1853.

Jane died in 1854, and he married Mary Burnham Martin, April 5, 1855. The family moved to St. Clair in 1860 and lived in a small house east of the German Lutheran Church. Three children were born to them: Robert Minor, b. in Crown Point, New York, 1859; Helen Martin, b. in St. Clair, 1860, d. 1862; Jennie Mary, b. in St. Clair, Michigan, January 15, 1861; and William Martin, b. in St. Clair, Michigan, 1863, and d. in Sand Beach, 1882.

Mr. Jenks died in Sand Beach in 1876.

After Uncle Jesse's death Aunt Mary and the children moved to Sand Beach. There being two Aunt Marys in the family, this one and my mother; the nephews and nieces called them "Aunt Mary Jess" and "Aunt Mary Henry." The family moved to Sand Beach in 1871.

BELA WHIPPLE JENKS

(1849-1930)

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Bela Whipple, son of Jesse Lane and Jane Minor Jenks, was born at Schroon Lake, New York, July 18, 1849. He came to St. Clair with his parents when eleven years of age, 1860. He attended the St. Clair schools, and later went to Rock Falls to work for his uncle, Jeremiah Jenks. He married Alma Stafford, of Memphis, July 18, 1871. The children born to them at Rock Falls were: Howard Stafford, May 2, 1872, (d. 1888); Allie May, November 24, 1873; Minnie Blanche, September 4, 1875, (d. November 19, 1919). Those born to them at Sand Beach were: Bela Walton, August 8, 1882; Hazel Stafford, December 27, 1888.

In 1866, Mr. Jenks was bookkeeper for the firm of Pack, Jenks and Company. In 1872, the firm name was changed to J. Jenks and Company and the youthful bookkeeper was made a member of the corporation. Mr. Jenks was one of the executive officers of The Huron Milling Company since its incorporation in 1902. He was president of the Huron County State Bank of Harbor Beach and also treasurer of The Mihlethaler Com-

pany. He was a director and vice president of the Millers' Mutual Insurance Company, Lansing, and also served his district with distinction in the State Senate. He died July 19, 1930, at Harbor Beach.

ALLIE MAY JENKS
(Mrs. Darius Mihlethaler)
(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Allie May, daughter of Bela Whipple and Alma Stafford Jenks, was born in Rock Falls, Michigan, November 24, 1873. She graduated from the high school of Sand Beach, the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, and attended the University of Michigan. She was married to Darius Mihlethaler, July 11, 1900. Four children were born to them: Keith Jenks Mihlethaler, in Port Hope, August 12, 1901; Bela Jenks Mihlethaler, in Harbor Beach, September 25, 1903; Esther Dee, in Harbor Beach, August, 1908 (who graduated from the Harbor Beach and St. Petersburg, Fla., high schools, and attended Albion College, and graduated from the Marjory Webster School of Washington, D. C.); Mary Beth, in Harbor Beach, May 21, 1913 (who graduated from the Harbor Beach high school and is now attending Albion College).

Mrs. Mihlethaler was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenks Chapter D. A. R. and secretary of that chapter.

Mr. Mihlethaler has been in the mercantile and banking business in Harbor Beach and Port Hope the past thirty-five years.

KEITH JENKS MIHLETHALER
(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Keith Jenks, son of Allie May Jenks and Darius Mihlethaler, was born in Port Hope, Michigan, August 12, 1901. He was graduated from the Harbor Beach high school and attended the University of Michigan. He was married July 11, 1928, to Espa Ruble, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. One daughter, Marjorie Beth, was born to them August 5, 1933, in Harbor Beach. A son, David Darius, was born August 26, 1936. Keith is assistant manager of The Mihlethaler Company.

BELA JENKS MIHLETHALER
(Detroit, Michigan)

Bela Jenks Mihlethaler, son of Allie May Jenks and Darius Mihlethaler, was born in Harbor Beach, September 25, 1903, and attended the University of Michigan. He was married to Betty Bisson in Detroit, November 19, 1936. Mr. Mihlethaler is now with the Ludington News Company, Magazine Distributors, Detroit, Michigan.

MINNIE BLANCHE JENKS
(Mrs. Donald Stuart Carmichael)
(1875-1919)

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Minnie Blanche, daughter of Bela Whipple and Alma Stafford Jenks, was born September 4, 1875, in Rock Falls, Michigan. She was graduated from Harbor Beach high school and from Alma college. She married Donald Stuart Carmichael, a Presbyterian minister, in 1907. Two children were born to them: Douglas Stuart, February, 1908, in Allansted, North Carolina (drowned in Lake Huron, June 19, 1927, a few days after his graduation from Harbor Beach high school); Alma Elizabeth Carmichael, in Bad Axe, Michigan, June 30, 1913. Since the death of her mother, she has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. Mihlethaler. She graduated from Harbor Beach high school and from Albion College (A. B. degree) in June, 1934. She is now teaching in the Harbor Beach public schools.

Mrs. Minnie Jenks Carmichael died November 9, 1919.

BELA WALTON JENKS
(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Bela Walton, son of Bela Whipple and Alma Stafford Jenks, was born August 8, 1882, in Harbor Beach. He attended the public schools of his home town, the Michigan State College and the University of Michigan. He was employed by the Michigan Sugar Company in Saginaw, but returned to Harbor Beach to become superintendent of the Macaroni division of J. Jenks and Company. He is now vice president and general manager of the Huron Milling Company. He was married to Elma B. Kelley, June 26, 1912. One son, Bela Walton, was born to them August 14, 1922. They have a beautiful home within the resort grounds of Harbor Beach and a winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

HAZEL STAFFORD JENKS
(Mrs. Hazel Jenks Carter)
(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Hazel Stafford, daughter of Bela Whipple and Alma Stafford Jenks, was born in Sand Beach, December 27, 1888. She attended the Harbor Beach schools and married Frederick Carter, of Detroit, April 8, 1914. They lived in Detroit until the death of her husband in 1927, in Harbor Beach. Their children are Alma Stafford Carter, born in Detroit, May 18, 1919, and Frances Spangler Carter, born in Royal Oak, December 15, 1920. Mrs. Carter has an adopted daughter, Beatrice. Their home is in Harbor Beach.

ROBERT MINOR JENKS

(1859-1926)

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Robert Minor, son of Jesse Lane and Mary Martin Jenks, was born in Crown Point, New York, August 18, 1859. He came to St. Clair with his parents at an early age and attended St. Clair schools. After his father's death in 1876 the family moved to Sand Beach. Robert was secretary of the Huron Milling Company from the time it was organized until his death and for many years general agent for the passenger and freight steamers at Sand Beach. September 4, 1889, he married Susie E. Chamberlain (b. in Angelica, New York, August 12, 1866). One son, Jesse Chamberlain, was born to them August 4, 1890. Mr. Jenks died July 10, 1925, in Daytona, Fla.

JESSE CHAMBERLAIN JENKS

(Harbor Beach, Michigan)

Jesse Chamberlain, son of Robert Minor and Susie Chamberlain Jenks, was born in Sand Beach, Michigan, August 4, 1890. He attended and graduated from the Harbor Beach schools and the University of Michigan. He entered the employ of the Huron Milling Company. He married Beatrice McMann (b. July 29, 1898) June 30, 1921. They have one daughter, Marian Louise (Mary Lou), born July 30, 1922. He is secretary of the Huron Milling Company, Harbor Beach.

JENNIE MARY JENKS

(Mrs. Nelson Philo Arnold)

(10513 Hale Ave., Chicago, Illinois)

Jennie Mary, daughter of Jesse Lane and Mary Martin Jenks, was born in St. Clair, January 25, 1861. She attended the St. Clair schools. The family moved to Sand Beach in 1871, where she married, October 5, 1882, Nelson P. Arnold (b. Chatham, Ontario, November 12, 1854). Mr. Arnold was the Pere Marquette station agent in Harbor Beach for 25 years and was transferred to Chicago as freight-collector for the Grand Trunk Railroad. He died October 1, 1932. Five children were born to them: Mary Burnham, August 20, 1883 (graduate of Harbor Beach high school, Gregg Commercial College, and Northwestern University, was office manager of W. F. Quarries Publishing Company, Chicago; died March 11, 1934); Margaret Mills LeGrande Jenks, Bessie Frances and Howard Nelson, (b. October 12, 1893, and d. February 20, 1912, in Port Huron, Michigan).

MARGARET MILLS ARNOLD

(Mrs. John W. Chapman)

(Chicago, Illinois)

Margaret Mills, daughter of Jennie Jenks and Nelson P. Arnold, was born in Harbor Beach, Michigan, February 8, 1886. She was educated in Harbor Beach high school and Gregg Business College and was employed by W. F. Quarries Publishing Company, Chicago. She was married June 16, 1917, to John W. Chapman, an insurance man (b. in England). Mrs. Chapman is a member of the Eastern Star.

LeGRANDE JENKS ARNOLD

(Crossett, Arkansas)

LeGrande Jenks, son of Jennie Jenks and N. P. Arnold, was born in Harbor Beach, Michigan, February 18, 1889. He is a graduate of Harbor Beach high school and of the University of Michigan. He is a Mason and Knight-Templar. April 10, 1920, he married Hazel Dell Strang in Washington, D. C. They have two children: William Strang Arnold, born in Yonkers, New York, February 5, 1921, and Ann Arnold, born in Yonkers, July 26, 1923. LeGrande is manager of the Crossett Lumber Company, Crossett, Arkansas.

BESSIE FRANCES ARNOLD

(Mrs. James Edward Hill)

(10513 Hale Ave., Chicago, Illinois)

Bessie Frances, daughter of Jennie Jenks and Nelson P. Arnold, was born June 1, 1891, in Harbor Beach, Michigan. April 22, 1931, she was married to James Edward Hill (b. in Chicago), an auto mechanic. They have two daughters, Helen E. Hill, born September 26, 1922, and Marian Sara Hill, born May 7, 1927.

Chapter VI

ARZELIA JENKS

(Mrs. George S. Hewett)

(1815-1851)

Arzelia, daughter of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, July 10, 1815. She came to Crown Point with her parents in 1817. She married George S. Hewett in 1849. One child, Amelia Arzelia, was born to them in 1851. The mother died at the child's birth.

AMELIA ARZELIA HEWETT

(1851-1910)

(Mrs. Charles E. Dow)

Amelia Arzelia, daughter of Arzelia Jenks and George S. Hewett, was born in Crown Point, New York, in 1851. Her mother, as previously stated, died at her birth and her father soon married again.

At the age of ten years she came to Michigan with her cousin, Walton Jenks, to make her home with his parents, Jeremiah and Relief Jenks, in Sand Beach. Although their home was always her home, she spent a good deal of time as a girl with her other four uncles and two aunts. "Min," as she was called, was very tall, almost six feet. She carried herself well and so wore her clothes that she was a striking figure. We all liked and admired her. She showed rare courage and patience under life's tribulations. She was always ready to help those who needed her ministrations. I remember her coming to keep house for Father and Mother during an epidemic of typhoid fever. She always called Mother, "Dear Little Auntie."

In 1873 she married Charles E. Dow (b. 1849) in Sand Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Dow ran the Dow House for many years, where their only child, a daughter, Nellie Dale Dow, was born in 1874. They moved to Butte, Montana, in 1900, where Nellie died of typhoid fever in 1903.

"Min" died in Lima, Ohio, in 1910, and "Charley" died in Harbor Beach in 1918.

Chapter VII

LUCY ANN JENKS
(Mrs. Simon Beckwith)
(1817-1895)
(St. Clair, Michigan)

Lucy Ann, daughter of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks, was born in Crown Point, New York, May 2, 1817. She was married in Crown Point, June 29, 1837, to Simon Beckwith, a farmer. Three children were born to them, Charles Titus, Benjamin Franklin, and Arzelia.

The Jenks family came to St. Clair in 1856 and bought a farm in St. Clair township. One winter they had charge of the lumber camps of B. W. and R. H. Jenks near Midland. For a time they lived on Uncle Bela's farm on the State road. They also lived in St. Clair on Clinton Avenue. During their last years, they lived at the home of their son, Frank, on the farm. Aunt Lucy and Adelaide, Frank's wife, whenever any of the Sand Beach cousins came down, invited all the nieces to the farm for a delicious chicken dinner. I well remember how we loved to look over the box of old family photographs and daguerreotypes Aunt Lucy had saved. Her granddaughter, Lucy West, and I were warm friends. I used to visit at their home a good deal. Aunt Lucy died at the farm home, October 12, 1895.

CHARLES TITUS BECKWITH
(1838-1908)
(St. Clair, Michigan)

Charles Titus, son of Lucy Ann Jenks and Simon Beckwith, was born in Crown Point, New York, May 1, 1838. He came to St. Clair with his parents in 1856. He bought a farm west of town and married Kate Phillips (b. June 7, 1839). Three daughters were born to them, Amelia, Elizabeth and Effie. Mr. Beckwith died in June, 1908, and his wife, August 31, 1891, in St. Clair, at the home of her daughter.

AMELIA BECKWITH
(Mrs. Christopher Ellsworth)
(1862-1928)

(St. Clair and Shiawassee counties, Michigan)

Amelia, daughter of Charles T. and Kate Phillips Beckwith, was born on the farm in St. Clair township, November 6, 1862. She attended the township and St. Clair city schools. In 1881 she was married to Christopher Ellsworth. Six children were born to them. They were Laura, Louis, Kate Phillips, Walter H., Sarah, and Alice. In the spring of 1900 the family moved to

Shiawassee county, Michigan. Their children married and settled there. Christopher Ellsworth died July 30, 1919. After her first husband's death, Amelia married a Mr. Hanson, of Colorado, April 16, 1920. He died soon after, and she married Wallace Gleason, was divorced, and she then married Lambert Johnson, a Civil War veteran. Amelia died November 30, 1928. She, her first husband and two daughters, Sarah and Alice, were buried in Fairfield cemetery near Carland, Michigan.

LAURA ELLSWORTH

(Mrs. Arthur J. Spears)

(1416 W. Main St., Owosso, Michigan)

Laura, daughter of Amelia Beckwith and Christopher Ellsworth, was born in St. Clair township, July 23, 1882. She moved to Shiawassee county with her parents in 1900. She was married July 22, 1900, to Arthur J. Spears. One son was born to them, Wesley. Mr. Spears died after many years, and August 25, 1925, she married William H. Spears, a brother of her first husband. They are now living in Owosso at the above address. Wesley was of the fifth generation.

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WESLEY SPEARS

(R. F. D. 5, Owosso, Michigan)

Wesley, son of Laura Ellsworth and Arthur J. Spears, was born in Owosso, Michigan, December 17, 1902. He attended the Owosso schools and was married November 18, 1923, to Katherine McKay. Five children were born to them, namely: Marjorie Lucille, July 22, 1925; Juanita Marie, May 8, 1926; Kathleen Lilah, June 2, 1928; Arthur J., March 20, 1930; Norma Jean, August 27, 1933. These children are of the sixth generation from Hester Lane and Jeremiah Whipple Jenks.

LOUIS ELLSWORTH

(Herman St., Owosso, Michigan)

Louis, son of Amelia Beckwith and Christopher Ellsworth, was born in St. Clair county in 1884. He went to Shiawassee county with his parents in 1900. In August, 1911, he married Josephine Darby, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Five children were born to them in Owosso: Mabel, January 20, 1913, married William Yoder, January 31, 1935; Laura, April 19, 1915, married Byron Mole, April 18, 1934; Cora, January 9, 1918; Viola, April 5, 1920. These children are of the fifth generation.

KATE PHILLIPS ELLSWORTH

(Mrs. William Crane)

(Durand, Michigan)

Kate Phillips, daughter of Hester Amelia Beckwith and Christopher Ellsworth, was born in St. Clair township in ? ? ? . She went with her parents to Shiawassee county in 1900. She attended the schools in Owosso and in October, 1911, she was married to William Crane, of Durand. Nine children were born to them: Carl, October 30, 1912, married Nita Peters, Laingsburg, Michigan, October 11, 1933; Florence, January 26, 1914; Robert, September 8, 1916; Harold, July 7, 1918; William, Jr., March 12, 1921; Edward, March 4, 1922; Ruth, February 5, 1924; Arnold, April 14, 1926; Lois, March 22, 1927.

WALTER H. ELLSWORTH

(Henderson, Michigan)

Walter H., son of Hester Amelia Beckwith and Christopher Ellsworth, was born in St. Clair township, October 10, 1892. In 1900 he moved with his parents to Shiawassee county where he attended school. On April 14, 1918, he married Georgia Vincent (b. March 13, 1889). Three children were born to them: Dayle Vincent, September 29, 1920; Jay C., January 30, 1923; Shirley Jean, August 11, 1925. Mr. Ellsworth is a farmer and lives at Henderson, Michigan.

SARAH ELLSWORTH

(Mrs. Wm. Horn)

(1891-1928)

(Carland, Michigan)

Sarah, daughter of Amelia Beckwith and Christopher Ellsworth, was born in St. Clair township, February 9, 1891. In 1916 she married William Horn. She died November 9, 1928, leaving a ten-weeks' old baby boy, Glenn Horn, born August 30, 1928, who is now living with his father near Carland, Michigan.

ALICE ELLSWORTH

(1900-1929)

(Owosso, Michigan)

Alice, sister of above, was born in St. Clair township, May 10, 1900. She died just two months after her sister from the "flu", January 10, 1929. Both sisters were buried in Fairfield cemetery near Carland, Michigan.

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS BECKWITH

(Mrs. Adelbert Jones)

(1864-1918)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Titus and Kate Phillips Beckwith, was born on her father's farm, west of St. Clair, December 1, 1864. She attended St. Clair schools, and in 1890 married Adelbert Jones at her home in St. Clair township. Two children were born to them: Harry L. and Myrtle A. Elizabeth died in St. Clair, December, 1918. She was buried in Hillside Cemetery, St. Clair township.

HARRY L. JONES

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Harry L., son of Elizabeth and Adelbert Jones, was born in St. Clair, January 18, 1892. He attended St. Clair schools and was graduated by the St. Clair high school with the class of 1909. In 1919 he married Thirza Ann Beach. Three children were born to them: Beatrice Pear, December 22, 1920; Neva Myrtle, December 30, 1923; Archie Lee, May 20, 1925. All are living in St. Clair.

MYRTLE A. JONES

(Mrs. Earl Dittman)

(15024 Littlefield Ave., Detroit)

Myrtle A., daughter of Elizabeth Beckwith and Adelbert Jones, was born in St. Clair, June 27, 1899. She attended St. Clair schools and graduated with the class of 1917. She had a good musical education. She is an accomplished pianist. She was married May 18, 1929, to Earl Dittman (b. May 20, 1899), chief clerk, Electro-Master Corporation. She taught piano in Port Huron in 1917, was Director of Music at St. Peters Evangelical Church in Detroit, was Music Supervisor, 1930, Eastland high school, established a private school (Zethus-Amphion School of Music, and is Supervisor of Music at Greater Gratiot high school.

EFFIE PHILLIPS BECKWITH

(Mrs. Charles W. Mitchell)

(Mizner St., Corunna, Michigan)

Effie, daughter of Charles and Kate Phillips Beckwith, was born on her father's farm west of St. Clair, October 20, 1876. She was married May 3, 1903, to Charles W. Mitchell (b. in Canada, February 28, 1875). They are living in Corunna, Michigan. One son, Earl, was born to them March 16, 1911.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BECKWITH

(1840-1912)

ADELAIDE KING STOWELL BECKWITH

(1845-1919)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Benjamin Franklin, son of Lucy Ann Jenks and Simon Beckwith, was born in Crown Point, New York, October 31, 1840. He married Mary Adelaide King Stowell (b. in Crown Point, New York, January 21, 1845), January 15, 1868, in St. Clair township. When a small child, she was adopted into the home of Aunt Hester and her husband, Royal Stowell, and afterwards was known as Mary Adelaide Stowell.

To them were born seven children: Fanny Jenks and Frances Jenks, twins, November 19, 1868; Simon Royal Beckwith, February 4, 1871; Roy, May 1, 1873; George, September 21, 1875; Hester Amelia, January 3, 1878; Ella Amanda, December 17, 1880, named for my little sister who died at the age of one year.

Frank, as all the family called him, worked his farm and for many years Aunt Lucy and Uncle "Sim" lived with him and Adelaide. They were very kind to their parents, worked hard and raised their family of seven children to be a credit to them. Frank died on the farm May 12, 1912, and Adelaide died July 18, 1919.

FANNIE JENKS BECKWITH

(Mrs. Forest McCartney)

(1868-1929)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Fannie Jenks, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, was a twin and was born November 19, 1868, on the farm in St. Clair township. She was married January 18, 1893, to Forest J. McCartney (b. 1863).

To them was born April 19, 1898, in St. Clair, Ralph Beckwith McCartney. Ralph was married December 27, 1924, to Julia Sullivan (b. May 29, 1901) in Lapeer, Michigan.

Fannie died November 27, 1929, in St. Clair. Her husband died in 1932.

FRANCES JENKS BECKWITH

(Mrs. Otto Wiegand)

(1714 Tenth Street)

(Port Huron, Michigan)

Frances Jenks, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, a twin, was born November 19, 1868, in St. Clair township. She was married at her home September 2, 1891, to Otto Wiegand (b. in Cologne, Germany, June 26, 1859).

To them were born Adelaide Ella Wiegand, July 16, 1892, and Benjamin Franklin, June 24, 1895.

ADELAIDE ELLA WIEGAND

(Mrs. Earl Yelton)

(Port Huron, Michigan)

Adelaide Ella, daughter of Frances Jenks Beckwith and Otto Wiegand, was born July 16, 1892. She was married to Earl Yelton (b. September 4, 1895) in Newport, Kentucky, July 7, 1919. She was a nurse overseas during the war.

To them was born Dorothy Ellen Yelton, August 26, 1920. She is of the fifth generation.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WIEGAND

(Port Huron, Michigan)

Benjamin Franklin, son of Frances Beckwith and Otto Wiegand, was born in St. Clair, June 24, 1895, married Violet O'Connor, July 3, 1920, in Bad Axe, Michigan.

Two children were born to them: Marion F. Wiegand, June 3, 1921, in Port Huron; Cecil J., September 10, 1897, and died May 10, 1912. These are of the fifth generation.

SIMON ROYAL BECKWITH

(Richmond, Michigan)

Simon Royal, son of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, was born in St. Clair, February 4, 1871.

April 7, 1892, he married Ada L. Penney (b. in Port Huron township, February 5, 1870).

ROY BECKWITH

(1873-1882)

Roy Beckwith, son of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell, was born in St. Clair township, May 1, 1873; died June 1, 1882.

GEORGE BECKWITH

(St. Clair, Michigan)

George, son of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, was born at the farm home, September 21, 1875. He still lives on and works the Beckwith farm in St. Clair township. He is unmarried. His sister, Mrs. Rinn, and her son live with him on the farm.

HESTER AMELIA BECKWITH

(Mrs. Willis R. Jerome)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Hester Amelia, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, was born in St. Clair township, January 3, 1878. She attended St. Clair schools and was graduated with the class of 1895. She married January 22, 1902, Willis R. Jerome (b. in East China township, November 25, 1875), captain of the Steamer Lehigh of Bethlehem Company.

Two sons were born to them: Reed Beckwith, January 6, 1906, and Eldon King, August 29, 1910. Both sons are graduates of St. Clair high school and of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Reed received a Bachelor of Music degree. He studied pipe organ with Marcel Dupre' in Paris, France, for two summers; organist in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Eldon received a Bachelor of Speech degree and is a member of Pi Phi Pi fraternity. He teaches remedial speech in Mooseheart, Illinois.

ELLA AMANDA BECKWITH

(Mrs. William Rinn)

St. Clair, Michigan

Ella Amanda, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Adelaide Stowell Beckwith, was born in St. Clair township, December 17, 1880; attended St. Clair schools; married January 4, 1905, to William Rinn (b. March 27, 1879), captain of Steamer Aetna of Bay City.

One son, Sherwood Erwin, was born in St. Clair, September 26, 1905. They live on the Beckwith farm in St. Clair township.

ARZELIA JENKS BECKWITH
(Mrs. Frederick Alonzo West, Sr.)

(1846-1921)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Arzelia Jenks, daughter of Lucy Ann Jenks and Simon Beckwith, was born in Crown Point, New York, November 20, 1846. She came to St. Clair with her parents in 1856, where she was married July 3, 1866, to Frederick Alonzo West (b. March 26, 1845, in Castle Creek, New York), of Binghamton, New York. Five children were born to them: Lucy Ann, Frederick Ambrose, Jr., Lilly Sarah, May Arzelia and Alma Lydia. Arzelia died in St. Clair, September 15, 1921, and her husband, on March 15, 1921, each 76 years of age at time of death.

Arzelia, or Leil as she was called, was a very fine woman. In St. Clair she was a strong and valued member of the Baptist Church, a member of the Ladies' History Class and the Eastern Star. She was greatly loved.

LUCY ANN WEST
(Mrs. Walter J. Trumble)

(1867-1917)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Lucy Ann, daughter of Arzelia Beckwith and Frederick A. West, Sr., was born in St. Clair, Michigan, August 4, 1867. She lived for several years with her grandmother Beckwith and attended St. Clair schools. She was married June 26, 1888, to Walter J. Trumble (son of William A. and Harriet Trumble, b. May 26, 1864).

They moved to Topeka, Kansas, immediately after their marriage, where their first daughter, Harriet Arzelia, was born. Mr. Trumble was offered a position in the St. Clair schools and the family returned to St. Clair, where their second daughter, Marion Ella, was born, August 12, 1893. Lucy, though never very strong, was active in Eastern Star and church work and dearly beloved by a large circle of friends. She died in St. Clair, March 9, 1917.

HARRIET ARZELIA TRUMBLE
(Mrs. Harvey Dye)

(1889-1934)

(Flint, Michigan)

Harriet Arzelia, daughter of Lucy West and Walter J. Trumble, was born in Topeka, Kansas, November 14, 1889. She graduated from the St. Clair high school in the class of 1897 and from the Michigan State Normal College, June 23, 1915. She was a gifted artist. She enlarged and painted in original colors

the family coat of arms, which many of the family now own. She taught several years in the public schools of Flint. She was married in Detroit at the home of her sister, Marion, August 23, 1924, to Harvey Dye, of Flint. She died in Flint, December 15, 1934.

MARION ELLA TRUMBLE

(Mrs. E. E. Witty)

(3042 Gladstone Avenue, Detroit)

Marion Ella, daughter of Lucy A. West and Walter J. Trumble, was born in St. Clair, August 12, 1893. She attended the St. Clair schools, graduating with the class of 1912. She was married in St. Clair, January 18, 1921, to E. E. Witty. They are now living in Detroit. Mr. Witty has a position as inspector with the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn. They have one son, John Calvin, born in Detroit, November 13, 1923.

Mr. Trumble has an old Bible, printed in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1731. It was brought to America by an ancestor and buried during the war of the Revolution to prevent its being burned by the British.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK AMBROSE WEST, JR.

(1869-1928)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Frederick Ambrose, Jr., son of Arzelia Beckwith and Frederick West, Sr., was born in Columbus township, April 15, 1869. He attended St. Clair schools. Soon after leaving school he hired as a sailor on a lake boat. He rose from the lowest position to captain of one of the big steel boats of the Cleveland Cliff fleet in 1897. He married Edith, daughter of Isaac Hurst of East China.

WILLIAM FREDERICK WEST

(1907 Kent Road, Duluth, Minnesota)

William Frederick, son of Frederick Alonzo, Jr., and Edith Hurst West, was born in Saint Clair, October 10, 1898. He attended the Saint Clair public schools and graduated from there in 1916, and from the University of Michigan in 1921. He was married June 4, 1924, to Margaret Balfour Furguson, of Saint Clair. Two children were born to them in Duluth: Margaret Balfour, June 17, 1927, and William Frederick, Jr., January 10, 1933.

He is now sales manager of the Standard Oil Company at Duluth.

LILY SARAH WEST

(Mrs. Neil Kennedy)

(1870-1905)

(Saint Clair, Michigan)

Lily Sarah, daughter of Arzelia J. Beckwith and Frederick A. West, was born in Columbus township, Saint Clair county, November 3, 1870. She attended Saint Clair schools. On February 3, 1892, she was married to Neil Kennedy and lived in the old Kennedy homestead in Saint Clair township. To them were born three children: Lucy May, December 1, 1893; Alexander West, January 17, 1896 (d. May 9, 1914); Florence Alma, May 14, 1904. Mrs. Kennedy was a member of the Eastern Star and the Baptist church. She died March 13, 1907, and Mr. Kennedy died January 25, 1934.

LUCY MAY KENNEDY

(Mrs. Charles Jay Jones)

Lucy May, daughter of Lily Sarah West and Neil Kennedy, was born in Saint Clair township, December, 1 1893. She attended Saint Clair schools. She was married August 28, 1912, to Charles Jay Jones. Three children were born to them: Alex Edward, August 3, 1915, graduated from Saint Clair High School in 1934; Dorothy May, December 20, 1922; Charles Neil, December 10, 1924.

MAY ARZELIA WEST

(Mrs. Herbert Finnigan)

(Saint Clair, Michigan)

May Arzelia, daughter of Arzelia Beckwith and Frederick A. West, was born in Saint Clair, Michigan, November 30, 1873. She attended the Saint Clair schools. She married Captain Herbert Finnigan, December 28, 1898. He was captain of the Steamer Olcott of the United States Steel Company. Three sons were born to them: Herbert West, August 25, 1899; Frederick Hugh, October 6, 1905; Edwin Hill, September 14, 1914, graduated from Saint Clair High School in 1933, and is now attending Wayne University, Detroit.

HERBERT WEST FINNIGAN

(50 Alice Street, Pontiac, Michigan)

Herbert West Finnigan, son of May Arzelia West and Herbert Finnigan, was born in Saint Clair, August 25, 1899. He attended the St. Clair schools, graduating with the class of 1916. He later attended Michigan State College, receiving B. S. degree in Engineering in 1921. He was married September 23, 1922, to Edna I. Muhlitner. Two children were born to them in Saint Clair: Maurine May, May 5, 1924, and Marylyn Jean, August 22, 1928.

ALMA LYDIA WEST

(Mrs. William Farrow)

(Flint, Michigan)

Alma Lydia, daughter of Arzelia Beckwith and Frederick A. West, was born July 5, 1885, in Saint Clair township. She graduated from Saint Clair high school with the class of 1903. She went to Flint to teach, where she married William Farrow, August 12, 1914. Two sons were born to them in Flint: Donald West, November 10, 1917, and William Frederick, December 14, 1919.

Chapter VIII

BENJAMIN LANE JENKS

(1820-1865)

(Saint Clair, Michigan)

Benjamin Lane, son of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Lane Jenks was born in Crown Point, New York, April 25, 1820. He was a farmer and lumberman. He married Amanda Messer, of Crown Point, March 8, 1849. Two sons were born to them in Crown Point: James Messer, July 14, 1850, and Robert Henry, July 26, 1854.

The family moved to St. Clair, Michigan, in 1855, where Mr. Jenks bought a small farm. Two more children were born to them there, Jeremiah Whipple, September 2, 1856, and Hester Pamela, December 12, 1858. Mr. Jenks lived on his farm during the summer and had charge of the lumbering interests of Pack, Woods and Company at Forester township, Michigan, during the winter.

Another son, Martin Lane, was born to them in Forester, Sanilac county, July 15, 1861. Mr. Jenks died at Wood's Mill, December 11, 1865. I have heard my mother tell of the hardships of an awful drive from Forester to St. Clair to bring the body of Uncle Ben for burial in the family lot at St. Clair.

Hearing of Uncle Ben's serious illness, Uncle Bela and Aunt Sarah, Father and Mother, drove to Forester in a sleigh drawn by a span of horses, to assist Aunt Amanda in caring for Uncle Ben. He died soon after their arrival. Early in the morning they started to drive back to St. Clair to bury him there. It was bitterly cold and the hearse was on wheels. The snow was deep and in many places drifted the roads.

After a time one of the wheels came off the hearse and the driver, trying to repair the damage, froze his ears and his toes. They were miles from a farm house or settlement. The relatives, though wrapped warmly in buffalo robes with hot soapstones at their feet, suffered terribly. After spending the night at Lexington, they drove for fifteen hours over a distance of fifty miles, arriving in St. Clair late at night.

Aunt Amanda brought up her five children on her farm near St. Clair. In 1874, she married her husband's eldest brother, Jeremiah Jenks, and with her younger children went to Rock Falls and later to Sand Beach to live. She died there April 12, 1897.

Aunt Amanda was dearly loved by all the relatives. She was unselfish and kind and never criticized anyone unkindly.

JAMES MESSER JENKS

(1850-1919)

(until his death a resident of Chicago)

James Messer, eldest son of Benjamin Lane and Amanda Messer Jenks, was born in Crown Point, New York, July 14, 1850. He came to St. Clair, Michigan, with his parents in 1855. He attended the St. Clair schools, following which he went to work for the J. L. Woods Lumber Company, then to Port Crescent. He was a member of the firm of J. Jenks and Company at Sand Beach, where he lived for several years. In 1877, he married Nellie Longworth Neill (b. 1855), of Port Austin. One daughter, Maxwell Neill, was born to them at Port Austin, June 3, 1878. Mr. Jenks engaged in the grain elevator business at Port Huron with J. E. Botsford. He removed to Chicago, where he became a member of the Nye, Jenks Grain Elevator Company. He later became a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. He died in Chicago, August 30, 1919. Mrs. Jenks died in 1925 at the home of her son-in-law on Governor's Island, New York. Both were buried in the Rock Falls, Michigan, cemetery on the shore of Lake Huron.

MAXWELL NEILL JENKS

(Mrs. Isaac Newell)

Peiping, China

and

Sea Island, Georgia

Maxwell Neill Jenks, daughter of James Messer and Nellie Neill Jenks, was born in Port Austin, June 3, 1878. She attended the Liggett school in Detroit and married, December 25, 1898, Lieutenant Isaac Newell, a graduate of West Point, who served during the World War. He is now retired from the United States Army as colonel. They have a beautiful home in Peiping, China, and another at Sea Island, Georgia. Captain Newell was one of the United States officers sent to "clear up the Philippines" in 1898. They lived in the Philippine Islands for fifteen years. They have lived in Peiping, China, many years.

They have traveled all over the world during the time he served as an officer in the United States army. They are at present in Peiping.

Max is a true cosmopolitan and a charming and very attractive woman.

ROBERT HENRY JENKS

(1854-1911)

(until his death a resident of Cleveland, Ohio)

Robert Henry, son of Benjamin Lane and Amanda Messer Jenks, was born in Crown Point, New York, July 26, 1854.

He came to Michigan with his parents in 1855. He attended the St. Clair schools. At the age of 16, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the employ of Woods, Perry Lumber Company, later Woods, Jenks Company. In 1893 he organized the Robert H. Jenks Lumber Company, of which he was president until his death. He was also president of the Cleveland Land and Lumber Company, the Cuyahoga Lumber Company, and connected with several other businesses. He was prominent in financial and club circles, being a director in the Union National Bank and Acme Transit Company.

He married Clara Banton in Cleveland, May 10, 1881. Twin daughters were born to them February 3, 1887, Florence Mary and Lorine Amanda. Lorine is living in Cleveland with her mother. She is a member of Shaker Heights Chapter D. A. R. Mr. Jenks died February 26, 1911. Clara Banton Jenks died in Cleveland, Ohio, March 21, 1936.

FLORENCE MARY JENKS

(Mrs. Herbert John Fix)

(16924 Edgewater Drive, Cleveland)

Florence Mary Jenks, daughter of Robert Henry and Clara Banton Jenks, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 1887, as previously noted. She, with her twin sister, Lorine Amanda Jenks, graduated from the Mittleberger's school for girls, Cleveland, Ohio, and a finishing school for ladies at Ogontz, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Shaker Heights Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Cleveland. She married Herbert John Fix, November 15, 1930. No children.

JEREMIAH WHIPPLE JENKS
(By courtesy of Who's Who in America)
(1856-1929)
(New York City)

Political Economist. Born in St. Clair, Michigan, September 2, 1856, son of Benjamin Lane and Amanda (Messer) J.; A. B., U. of Michigan, 1878; A. M., 1879; LL. D., 1903; Ph. D., U. of Halle, Germany, 1885; Professor in Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Married Georgia Bixler, of Mt. Morris, Illinois, Brown), Benjamin Lane, Ernest Ellsworth.

Admitted to Michigan Bar, 1881; taught Greek, Latin, German at Mt. Morris College, 1879-80 and 1881-83. Professor of political economy and social science, Indiana U., 1889-91. Professor of Political Economy and Politics, Cornell, 1891-1912. Professor of Government and Director Division of Public Affairs, 1912-17, Reserve Commerce and Politics, New York University. Expert Agent of the United States Industrial Commission in Investigating of trusts and industrial complications in the United States and Europe, 1899-1901, and consulting expert of the United States Department to investigate questions of labor, internal taxation and police in the Orient, 1901-02; special expert on currency reform of Government of Mexico, 1903; United States Commissioner in special charge of reform of currency in China, 1903-04; Member of the United States Immigration Commission, 1907-10; member High Commission of Nicaragua. One of two neutral arbitrators on board of six, to arbitrate dispute between Switchman's Union of North America and certain railroads, 1916. President and chairman of the board of Alexander Hamilton Institute. Founder and Director of Eastern Bur., 1913-15. President American Economist Association, 1906-07; Member adm. Commission. Council National Defense, Washington, 1917; member executive Commission of fifteen on educational preparation for foreign service; director Pacific Railroad of Nicaragua, National Bank of Federation, Honorary member National Monetary Association. Director China Social America; Member Executive d. Boy Scouts of America.

Clubs. Ardsley, Century, National Arts, Bankers', Circumnavigators (N. Y.), Cosmos (Washington). He belonged to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Author. Henry C. Carey Als. Nationalkonomi, Jena, 1885; The Trust Problem, 1900 (Enlarged edition with Walter E. Clark of U. of Nevada, 1917). Vol. XVIII Report Industrial Commission Industrial Combinations in Europe, 1901. Report on Certain Economic Questions in the English and Dutch Colonies in the Orient, 1902; Citizenship and the Schools, 1906; Great Fortunes, The Winning, The Using, 1906; The Political Significance of the Life and Teachings of Jesus, 1906; Life Wishes of High School

Boys, 1908; Principles of Politics, 1909; Governmental Action for Social Welfare, 1910; The Immigration Problem, 1913, 6th edition revised by Rufus D. Smith, 1925; The Making of a Nation; The Testing of a Nation's Ideals, 1915; Personal Problems of Boys Who Work, 1913; Business and Government, 1917; Jesus' Choice of Life (with C. F. Kent), 1920; Great American Issues (John Hays Hammond), 1921; We and Our Government (with R. D. Smith), 1922; Part author and editor, Trusts and Industrial Commission, Vol. 1, 1900, Vol. VIII, 1901; reports of Commission on Internal Exchange, 1904-05; Compiler of Statutes and Digested Decisions of Federal and State and Territory Laws relating to trusts and industry combinations, Vol. II, 1910. He died August 25, 1929, at his home in New York, and was buried in Saint Clair.

MARGARET BIXLER JENKS

(Mrs. Stanley Doty Brown)

(149 East 73rd Street, New York City)

Margaret Bixler, daughter of Georgia Bixler and Jeremiah Whipple Jenks, was born in Galesburg, Illinois, May 8, 1887. She attended Ithaca, N. Y., high school, Chevy Chase School, Washington, D. C., and Wells College for two years. She was graduated by Cornell University, A. B. degree, in 1908. October 23, 1920, she married Stanley Doty Brown (b. March 8, 1885, in New York; attended Berkeley Irving School, New York City, and Cornell University—A. B. degree in 1903 and LL. B. degree in 1908; practicing law in New York), of New York City. They are members of Collegiate Church, Mayflower Society, and University Club of N. Y. Their children are Georgia Jenks (b. October 4, 1923), and twin daughters, Margaret Hester and Katherine Nathalie (b. January 23, 1926, in New York City). Margaret is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenckes chapter in Harbor Beach.

BENJAMIN LANE JENKS

(Mamaroneck, N. Y.)

Benjamin Lane, son of Jeremiah Whipple and Georgia Bixler Jenks, was born in Galesburg, Illinois, May 21, 1889. He attended the public schools in Ithaca, New York, Asheville School, Michigan Military Academy, American School in Strassbourg, Alsace, Cornell University, and Teachers' College, Columbia University; member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity; has been with the New York Telephone Company for 22 years and is division superintendent for Westchester County, New York; was married June 16, 1917, to Ruth Badgley (b. June 16, 1908) in Glen Kirk, New York; they attend the Presbyterian Church of which her father was pastor; two children were born to them: Margaret, in New York City, May 19, 1918, and Jeremiah Whipple, in New York City, February 17, 1921.

ERNEST ELSWORTH JENKS

(Great Neck, Long Island, New York City)

Ernest Elsworth, son of Jeremiah Whipple and Georgia Bixler, was born in Aurora, New York, August 14, 1893. He attended the public schools of Ithaca and graduated from Cornell University (A. B. degree) in 1915. March 4, 1917, he married Dorothy Tarbell (b. June 5, 1894; graduated from Cornell University—A. B. degree in 1916). In 1920 they went to Australia, where three children were born to them: Geraldine Woodruff, March 7, 1921; James Montgomery, December 14, 1922; George Schuyler, July 11, 1927. They returned from Australia in 1928. Ernest is a director and assistant sales manager of Alexander Hamilton Institute and a member of the University Club of Washington, D. C. They are Congregationalists.

HESTER PAMELA JENKS

(1858-1910)

Hester Pamela, daughter of Benjamin Lane and Amanda Messer Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, December 12, 1858. She graduated from the St. Clair schools in 1875 and from the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, in 1879. She was a successful teacher in several schools of the state. She was preceptress in the St. Clair high school in 1885. She went to Halle, Germany, with her brother's family and studied there. She died in Harbor Beach, Michigan, June 27, 1910. She was unmarried.

MARTIN LANE JENKS

(1861-1925)

(211 North 33rd Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota)

Martin Lane, youngest son of Benjamin Lane and Amanda Messer Jenks, was born in Forester township, Michigan, July 15, 1861. He went with his mother to Sand Beach in 1874 and was for many years in the employ of J. Jenks and Company and later with his brother, James, in the grain elevator business in Chicago. December 7, 1892, he married Edna Lindsay Edgar (b. Sidney, Ohio, December 12, 1868). Two children were born to them: Hester Anna and Edna Messer Jenks. They lived in Muncie, Indiana, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and moved to Duluth, Minnesota, in 1900. Martin died in Daytona, Florida, March 5, 1925.

HESTER ANNA JENKS

(211 North Thirty-third St., Duluth, Minnesota)

Hester Anna, daughter of Martin Lane and Edna Lindsay Edgar Jenks, was born in Muncie, Indiana, August 26, 1894. With her parents she went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thence to Duluth, Minnesota, in 1900. She graduated from Central high school, Duluth, in 1916, and from National Park Seminary in 1918. She is unmarried and lives at home with her mother.

EDNA MESSER JENKS

(211 North Thirty-third St., Duluth, Minnesota)

Edna Messer, daughter of Martin Lane and Edna Lindsay Edgar Jenks, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 22, 1898. She went with her parents to Duluth in 1900, was graduated from Duluth Central high school in 1916, from Minnesota State Teachers' College in 1925 and from the University of Minnesota, with distinction, July 27, 1933. She is a teacher in Harriet Beecher Stowe school in Duluth and is living with her mother.

Chapter IX

BELA WHIPPLE JENKS

(1824-1897)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Bela Whipple, son of Jeremiah and Hester Lane Jenks, was born in Crown Point, New York, June 6, 1824. He was the first of his family to come west. While attending the school of the village, he did work of various kinds until he was 17, when he began teaching in the country schools and at the same time attended the Ferrisburg and Shelburn academies in Vermont. He evidently was a satisfactory teacher, for when he was 21, he decided to go to the State Normal School in Albany to improve himself in that line. In April, 1846, eight of his fellow townsmen joined in a recommendation of him which stated that he was a young gentleman whose mental and moral endowments fitted him for distinguished usefulness as an instructor of youth. This paper is in the handwriting of Charles F. Dyke, who was a later associate in several business undertakings and a lifelong friend. The first signer was John C. Hammond, the wealthiest citizen of Crown Point, and the most active in developing the Crown Point Iron Company, a large and profitable concern.

After spending two years in Albany with some intermediate teaching, he decided to go west where there were greater opportunities for young men. While waiting at the dock for the steamboat to take him to Whitehall, New York, Mr. Hammond saw him and asked him where he was going and, finding he had no special place in mind, suggested that he go to St. Clair, Michigan, and added that with some associates, he owned a considerable amount of land in St. Clair county and would be glad to have him look after the property. The young man came across the state of New York in an Erie Canal packet, which often was drawn by horse or mule at the high speed of four miles an hour, and finally found his way to Detroit and thence to St. Clair.

Politically, as a young man, he had been a Whig, and when the Republican party was formed, he joined it, and during the rest of his life, he was a faithful member of that party. In 1869 he was elected State Senator, was re-elected in 1871 and made an excellent record as a careful, intelligent legislator. In 1881 he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the State Board of Education and was elected in 1882 for a term of six years. In this capacity he was highly regarded by his fellow members and served for several years as president of the board.

In 1871 the First National Bank of St. Clair was organized and he was one of the directors and so continued during his life, experiencing the change from a National Bank to the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair in 1886.

Apart from his business and home, his chief interest was in education. He took an active part in procuring the consolidation of school districts into the Union School District of St. Clair in 1858 and was its first director and was a member of the school board during practically the remainder of his life and was one of its most active and influential members. On the day of his funeral, the city schools were dismissed "and the pupils, with the citizens, manifested the high regard in which they held St. Clair's foremost patron of education."

He died in St. Clair on October 23, 1897, leaving his wife, Sarah, and seven children, Charles Carleton, William Lee, Mary E., Anna B., Frank D., Russ S. and George S.

His wife, Sarah Carleton, was the daughter of Sanford Carleton and Phoebe Barker (of Quaker descent) and was born in Hosick, New York, August 6, 1833. Her brother, George W., came to St. Clair in 1851 and on a visit to him in 1853, she met her future husband. After their marriage, November 3, 1853, they lived for 32 years in the home which Mr. Jenks bought in 1851. She was a member of the Baptist church and one of its strongest supporters and was all her life active in church and philanthropic work. She died September 26, 1906, in the house to which they had moved in 1885.

The brotherly tie between B. W. Jenks and R. H. Jenks was unusually strong. From 1855 they were associated in some form of business or operations, and although they might see each other every week-day for months, it was rarely a Sunday that did not see R. H. Jenks going to his brother's home (B. W. Jenks) in the afternoon for an hour's visit.

Uncle Bela and Aunt Sarah lived for years, while their children were growing up, on Clinton avenue and Ninth street about three city blocks from our home at the head of Jay street. The brothers owned all the land between these two streets. As children, we did not have the perspective we would have had had they not been so closely related to us. We rather took them for granted, as one does one's own parents. We never thought of analysis or criticism. Uncle Bela was next to Father in our affections. Aunt Sarah was conceded to be one of the best homemakers, housekeepers and cooks in the town, a delightful hostess and capable in every way. She was a devoted wife and wise mother, as evidenced by her family of seven fine children, all of whom survived their parents.

After the children were grown, Uncle Bela bought the Schornstein home on Sixth street, which was later, after Uncle Bela's death, purchased by the city for a hospital, and in which the family completely furnished and equipped one room in memory of their parents.

CHARLES CARLETON JENKS
(until his death a resident of Detroit)
(1854-1923)

Charles Carleton, son of Bela W. and Sarah Carleton Jenks (named for the youngest brother of his mother who died a young man) was born in St. Clair, August 24, 1854, and graduated from the St. Clair high school in 1870. He later took a course in an academy in Fort Edward, New York, and one in a business college in Detroit. He spent the winters in 1871 to 1874 in Midland county as manager in one of the lumber camps of his father. He went to Detroit in June, 1875, first as bookkeeper for the Wyandotte Rolling Mills, and later as salesman. After a few years with them, he entered the wholesale hardware business of Ducharme, Fletcher and Company and later as a partner under the name of Fletcher, Jenks and Company. This continued about a year. In 1894 he organized the Jenks, Muir Manufacturing Company and was its president until his death.

When the Security Trust Company was formed, he was made a director and not long after, its president. He was also president of the Michigan Savings Bank, Detroit, for several years and director of the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair.

When the United States Radiator Company met with financial trouble, he was solicited, because of his experience and ability, to become its president. He accepted and brought the company into a strong financial condition.

He was a director in several of the large Detroit corporations and was most highly regarded for his judgment and business ability and knowledge of men.

He died suddenly of heart failure in Richmond, Virginia, October 23, 1923, while on a business trip south. "Rarely, if ever, was the death of any business man in Detroit so universally and deeply mourned. Men of all classes and official positions were alike in their appreciation of his kindly manner, his knowledge of affairs and his valuable qualities as adviser in business matters."

Quoting from a magazine article at the time of his death:

"Detroit and the state of Michigan have suffered a distinct and almost irreparable loss in the passing of Charles C. Jenks, president of the Security Trust Company, of Detroit, and identified with various other business interests of the city. His death occurred October 23, 1923, while on a business trip south, and the news was a shock to his many friends and business associates."

Mr. Jenks married Christine Strachan (b. December 18, 1855, daughter of Barbara Hackett and John Strachan, both born in Scotland) November 5, 1879. They had two daughters, Irene and Eloise (now Mrs. Richard Webber). Irene was born February 26, 1881. She is unmarried and lives with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Jenks, 1483 Iroquois avenue, Detroit. Both daughters attended the Liggett School, Detroit, and traveled in Europe for some time.

ELOISE CARLETON JENKS

(Mrs. Richard Hudson Webber)

(Grosse Point Shores, Detroit, Michigan)

Eloise Carleton, daughter of Charles C. and Christine Strachan Jenks, was born in Detroit, August 13, 1885. She attended the Liggett School and was one of the founders of Tau Beta in Detroit in 1904, and has always been an active member of that organization. She attended Ogontz School in Pennsylvania and was in Europe a year. She was married May 20, 1914, to Richard Hudson Webber (b. in Ionia, Michigan, July 24, 1879). He was educated at the University of Michigan and is president of The J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit. They have three children: Jean Christine, born February 20, 1918; Mary Eleanor, April 3, 1919; Joseph Hudson, October 28, 1921.

WILLIAM LEE JENKS

(1856-1936)

(Port Huron, Michigan)

William Lee Jenks, son of Bela W. and Sarah Carleton Jenks, the only one of the children not named for relatives or friends, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, December 27, 1856. He received his education in the St. Clair schools and was graduated in 1873. The following fall and winter he spent in the lumber woods of his father in Midland county. Entering the University of Michigan in 1874, he graduated from the Literary Department in 1878, receiving a B. A. degree. He and his cousin, Jeremiah Whipple Jenks, were charter members of the University of Michigan Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

In January, 1879, he entered the law office of Brown and Farrand in Port Huron to read law and was admitted to the Bar on examination in October of the same year and has practiced law from that time to the present. For a year he was in partnership with his cousin, Jeremiah W. Jenks, then with B. C. Farrand, and from 1884 for 40 years, with P. H. Phillips.

In 1892 he became interested in the Port Huron Street Railway and in 1899 was one of the organizers of the Interurban Railway from Port Huron south, which became a part of the Rapid Railway system between Port Huron and Detroit and which was sold in 1901.

He has been a director in and attorney for the First National Bank of Port Huron, and its successors from 1900 and of several other corporations, his legal business being mainly corporation and real estate.

He became interested in the history of St. Clair county and Michigan and in 1911 wrote a history of the county. He has written numerous articles on historical topics relating to Michigan. In 1915 he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from the University of Michigan.

He was a trustee and president of the Michigan Historical Society and since the establishment of the Michigan Historical Commission in 1913, has been a member.

In 1895 he obtained an amendment to the charter of Port Huron, creating the Port Huron Public Library, and has since been one of the commissioners and for the greater part of the time, president of the Commission. In May, 1937, a room in the Port Huron Library, called the Jenks room, was dedicated in his honor.

August 10, 1881, he married Margaret Sloane Willson, of Belle Centre, Ohio, where she was born, April 27, 1858. She was the daughter of Dr. Moses D. Willson. She obtained her education in the schools at Belle Centre and in the Ann Arbor high school. After her graduation there, she taught in Houghton, Michigan, until her marriage. She took a deep interest in movements for social benefits, was active in hospital work and the King's Daughters, and because of her long work for a free bed in the hospital, there was named for her The Margaret S. Jenks Free Bed for Children. She died in Orlando, Florida, March 26, 1924, and was buried in Port Huron. William Lee Jenks died in Port Huron, December 4, 1936.

ELIZABETH BARBARA JENKS

(Mrs. Carl Lassen)

(Port Huron)

Elizabeth Barbara, daughter of William Lee and Margaret Willson Jenks, was born November 11, 1890, and educated in the Port Huron schools and in the National Cathedral School in Washington. August 17, 1910, she married Carl S. Lassen, of Port Huron. They have two children: Margaret Marie, b. June 24, 1911, graduated from Port Huron high school in 1928, and from Michigan State College in 1933; and Elizabeth Dagmar, born April 22, 1913, also a graduate of Port Huron high school.

To Cousin Lee, I am indebted for these splendid sketches of his family, his father, sisters and brothers.

The close tie between the fathers of the two families, of which Lee has spoken, was continued in the second generation. The cousins were more like brothers and sisters. They were very near of an age all down the line. Each of us had a "mate" in our uncle's family. I visited a great deal at Lee's home and was devoted to Margaret. They took me to the first play, "The Old Homestead," I had ever seen, and my early childhood life was fuller and richer because of their friendship.

MARY E. JENKS

(Mrs. J. Ora West)

(1869-1933)

(Port Huron, Michigan)

Mary E., daughter of Bela Whipple and Sarah Carleton Jenks, was born in St. Clair, January 4, 1859, and named for the wife of Robert H. Jenks. She graduated from high school in 1875. She attended the State Normal School, Ypsilanti, and obtained a teacher's certificate in 1879.

She taught school in Houghton, Michigan, for several years and on January 1, 1895, she married John O. West, proprietor of the Windermere Hotel, Port Huron. Mr. West died in April, 1914, and not long after, Mrs. West sold the hotel and went to live with her brother, W. L. Jenks, of Port Huron, until her death. She spent the winters in Florida. She was a member of the Ottawa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She died in Winnetka, Illinois, September 18, 1933, while on a visit to her sister.

To show the strong tie between the families, after Lucy and Anna went to Houghton to teach, Mary and I became warm friends. We took real pleasure in getting up the large tea parties Aunt Sarah and Mother gave once a year to pay their social indebtedness. Elaborate dinners were served at these functions to forty or fifty ladies, who came early in the afternoon with sewing. Such delicious things to eat as Aunt Sarah prepared! One year the table broke in the middle under its load of good things, and much of Aunt Sarah's lovely china was broken.

ANNA BARNARD JENKS

(Mrs. Henry Wadsworth Jones)

(1861-1936)

(19 Warwick Road, Winnetka, Illinois)

Anna Barnard, daughter of Bela Whipple and Sarah Carleton Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, July 29, 1861. She was named for a friend of her mother. She was graduated by the public schools of St. Clair in the class of 1879 and attended Somerville School, a finishing school for girls, St. Clair.

On July 24, 1884, she was married to Doctor Henry Wadsworth Jones (b. Gloucester, England, March 19, 1853), a noted physician and surgeon of Houghton, Michigan, where they made their home for many years and where their only child, Leora Whipple, was born, July 8, 1887. Anna and Leora traveled in Europe after Leora finished school.

Following the death of Dr. Jones, which occurred March 21, 1915, Mrs. Jones lived in New York City, Short Hills, New Jersey, and Winnetka, Illinois.

The family always said of Anna, "She is a fine woman, good-

looking and has lots of style." She had a well-trained, sweet, soprano voice. She and Lucy used to sing duets, Lucy singing alto. Father loved to hear them sing and on Sunday afternoons we had delightful concerts. I remember one given in Aunt Sarah's parlor in which we all took part. I was so tiny that Charley lifted me onto a table to sing "What Fairy-like Music." Father always requested, as a special favor, that Anna sing for him "Mrs. Lofty," "Bonny Sweet Bessie, the Maid of Dundee."

Anna died at Winnetka, Illinois, April 8, 1936.

LEORA WHIPPLE JONES

(Mrs. William Blair Baggaley)

(19 Warwick Road, Winnetka, Illinois)

Leora Whipple, daughter of Anna B. Jenks and Doctor H. W. Jones, was born in Houghton, Michigan, July 8, 1887. She was graduated by the Mittleberg Ladies' Finishing School, Cleveland, Ohio, and Scoville school in New York City. She traveled extensively in Europe. She was married August 16, 1910, in Houghton, to William Blair Baggaley and lived in New York City and in Short Hills, New Jersey. She now lives at the above address. One daughter, Barbara Alden Baggaley, was born February 12, 1920.

FRANK DYKE JENKS

(1864-1926)

(1905 Military Street, Port Huron, Michigan)

Frank Dyke, son of Bela Whipple and Sarah Carleton Jenks, was born in St. Clair, March 11, 1864. He was named for the old friend of his father. He attended the St. Clair schools, graduating in 1879. He spent one year in the office of the Wyandotte Rolling Mills, where his older brother, Charles, was then employed, and two years at Allegan in lumbering, which his father was then carrying on, one year in the Ann Arbor high school and one year in the University of Michigan, leaving in June, 1884. He was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. The same year he came to Port Huron as the manager of B. W. and R. H. Jenks Pressed Hay Business, After two years there he went into the retail lumber business, first as "Smith, Jenks and Company," and later as "Jenks, Taylor, Howard Company," "F. D. Jenks and Company," and "Port Huron Lumber Company." In 1899 he entered into partnership with Edward J. Botsford as "Botsford, Jenks and Company," first in building grain elevators—among other places, at Midland, in Ontario, at St. Louis, Mo., and in Scotland.

In 1901 he became president of the Port Huron and Duluth Steamship Line, operating boats between Duluth and Port Huron in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway, in which line he had been interested for some years, and he and Mr. Botsford

organized the Columbia Iron Works, which built its plant at St. Clair, and within five years built several large steel steamers. In 1918 he sold his interest in the boat business to devote his time to his own real estate. He organized the Port Huron Terminal Company and operated it from 1924 until his death. He rebuilt the "Jenks Block" in Port Huron.

October 12, 1887, he married Kate E. Sanborn (b. April 24, 1865, daughter of Gen. William and Nancy Howard Sanborn). Three children were born to them: William Sanborn, Carleton Howard, and Edward Whipple.

During his life in Port Huron Frank held several public positions, as alderman, member of the Board of Water Commissioners, and City Comptroller. He was regarded as a man of unusually sound judgment. He was a very important factor in obtaining the car shops of the Grand Trunk Railway to be built in Port Huron. He occupied other positions of public interest and was greatly interested in arranging for the purchase of property for Boy Scouts.

On August 30, 1926, in making a trip through the upper peninsula, he died suddenly from heart trouble at St. Ignace and was buried in Port Huron.

WILLIAM SANBORN JENKS

William Sanborn, son of Frank Dyke and Kate Sanborn Jenks, was born in Port Huron, October 23, 1888.

He graduated from the Port Huron high school in 1906 and received an A. B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1910. He was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity.

He married Elizabeth Sukey, of Ann Arbor, December 21, 1912. Three children were born to them: Nancy Elizabeth, January 12, 1917, and twin sons, Paul George and William Sanborn, August 13, 1918. Nancy died in 1935. She had lived with her grandmother in Port Huron. He married his second wife, Ann Underwood, February 12, 1930.

CARLETON HOWARD JENKS

(Port Huron, Michigan)

Carleton Howard, son of Frank Dyke and Kate Sanborn Jenks, was born July 24, 1893. He graduated from the Port Huron high school in 1906 and received an A. B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1915 and LL.B. degree in 1926. He was a member of Zeta Psi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

He was first-lieutenant in the Air Service overseas in the World War. He is secretary of the Port Huron Terminal Company, Port Huron, where he is now living. He is unmarried.

EDWARD WHIPPLE JENKS

(Croswell, Michigan)

Edward Whipple, son of Frank Dyke and Kate Sanborn Jenks, was born in Port Huron, Michigan, August 30, 1900. He was graduated from Port Huron high school in 1917, attended Lawrenceville school, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and the Michigan State College.

He married Jean Burlingham, of Detroit, May 7, 1921. Five children were born to them at Croswell: Mary West, December 24, 1923; Frank Dyke, October 18, 1925; Edward Whipple, April 23, 1928; Carleton Howard, October 2, 1934; a daughter, 1936. "Ted," as he is called, is a farmer.

RUSS STOWELL JENKS

(1867-1933)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Russ Stowell, son of Bela W. and Sarah Carleton Jenks, was born in St. Clair, June 10, 1867, and was named for his cousin, the son of Hester Jenks Stowell. After graduating from the St. Clair high school in 1884, he took a course in the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Detroit, and in June, 1886, he entered the First National Bank of St. Clair under his uncle, President Robert H. Jenks, and was connected with it and its successor, the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair, the remainder of his life. From bookkeeper he advanced to cashier in 1894 and to the presidency in 1918; and in all these capacities, he earned the respect and confidence not only of the customers of the bank but of the entire community.

Shortly after his father's death, he was elected a member of the Board of Education and was one of its most valued members, and the beautiful high school building was in a sense his monument. In 1908 he was elected mayor, serving one term and declining re-election. He was an active member of Rotary, served as its president. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He was quiet in manner, possessed a fine sense of humor, and through his long business career, his integrity and his interest in the welfare of the community, he became, what many people said of him after his death, "an Institution." He was frequently called upon for advice in other matters as well as financial, and he had the confidence of everybody.

In all matters helpful to the city, he took an active part and was treasurer of many societies of which he was a member.

In 1890 he married Grace St. Clair Kitton. Two daughters were born to them: Carroll Kitton and Margaret Lee, now Mrs. Carroll Farr, of St. Clair, and Mrs. Lee Grylls, of Detroit, respectively. After a long illness he died June 28, 1933.

Russ and John, my brother, were good comrades. There was only six months difference in their ages. They started school

at the same time and always went to school together, and went to college in Detroit together, and shipped hay in partnership. They even married into the same family. They were firm and true friends to the time of Russ's death.

A reunion of the Jenks' clan and allied families to the number of 150 was held July 4, 1897, in the orchard of my father, Robert H. Jenks. This was a very notable occasion.

A second Jenks' reunion was held in June, 1906, in the beautiful garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russ S. Jenks, and a third one at the St. Clair Country Club in June, 1926. Russ and Grace planned and carried out the last two reunions. By that time most of the older generation and some of the first cousins had passed on and there was not so large an attendance as at the first reunion.

CARROLL KITTON JENKS

(Mrs. Robert W. Farr)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Carroll Kitton, daughter of Grace Kitton and Russ Stowell Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, May 18, 1899. She graduated from the St. Clair high school in 1916, from Dana Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1917, and attended Simmons College in Boston for two years, and the University of Michigan. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenks Chapter D. A. R., of Harbor Beach, and was transferred to Otsiketa Chapter, St. Clair, and later resigned. She was married to Robert McDonald Farr, an investment banker, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Clair, September 18, 1922. Two sons were born to them: Robert Jenks Farr, June 17, 1924, and John McDonald Farr, August 19, 1927.

The Farrs have a beautiful home on Riverside Drive, St. Clair, and belong to the D. A. C. and Detroit Boat clubs, Detroit, and the St. Clair Golf Club.

MARGARET LEE JENKS

(Mrs. Richard Gerveys Grylls)

(25 Hillcrest, Grosse Pointe, Detroit)

Margaret Lee, daughter of Russ Stowell and Grace Kitton Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, July 20, 1903. She attended the St. Clair public school in 1919, Dana Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1920, and Simmons College, Boston. She graduated from the U. of M. in 1924, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was married in St. Luke's Episcopal church, St. Clair, to Richard Gerveys Grylls, February 16, 1928. Two children were born to them: Sarah Lee Grylls, December 23, 1928, and Carroll Field Grylls, December 1, 1931. Mr. Grylls is a graduate of the U. of M. Their home is in Detroit. He is a member of the Lawyers' Club, Ann Arbor, and the Detroit Country Club. He is practicing law in Detroit.

GEORGE SANFORD JENKS

(5806 Howe Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania)

George Sanford Jenks, son of Bela Whipple and Sarah Carleton Jenks, and named for two of his mother's brothers, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, September 11, 1869, and was the youngest child in the family.

He attended the St. Clair schools, graduating in 1885, the only member of his class. He attended the Michigan State College for two years, 1886-8, and taught in country schools of St. Clair county. From 1889 to 1893 he was employed in the operating department of the Spang Steel and Iron Company, of Aetna, Pennsylvania, and from 1893 to 1894 he was clerk in the Oakland Hotel, St. Clair, and also in the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair.

From July, 1894, to April, 1900, he was in the operating and sales departments of the Apollo Iron and Steel Company and continued in the same capacity in New York with the American Sheet Steel Company and, from February, 1904, has been at Pittsburg in the operating department of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, a branch of U. S. Steel Company. His position has been one of importance in all these companies.

August 24, 1901, he married Anna Catherine Fox (b. October 4, 1879, in Rondout, New York) of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Jenks was associated with the Spring Steel and Iron Company from 1889 to 1893 at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Upsolla Iron and Steel Company from 1893 to 1900, the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company from 1900 to the present time.

He is a member of S. A. R. and a Mason (K. T. Consistory), and of the Duquesne University and Oakwood Country clubs.
No issue.

Chapter X

ROBERT HENRY JENKS

(1827-1898)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Robert Henry, youngest son of Jeremiah Whipple and Hester Wright Lane Jenks, of Sutton, New Hampshire, was born in Crown Point, New York, April 26, 1827.

He attended the public schools of Crown Point and entered Castleton Seminary to study medicine. His health failed and, at the earnest request of his brother, Bela W., who had come to Michigan a few months before, he came to St. Clair. When he arrived in Detroit, via Erie Canal and boat from Buffalo, he had only enough money to buy a ticket by boat as far as Marine City. He was obliged to walk from there to his destination, St. Clair, a distance of eight miles, and, enroute, he passed the home of his future wife. When he arrived in St. Clair, he had only seventeen cents in his possession with which to start life in a new country.

His brothers were great jokers and I have often heard them tease him by saying, "Henry was so verdant, his hair the color of a straw stack, that the cows followed him all the way from Marine City to St. Clair." He was six feet four inches tall and very thin at that time.

He brought with him from Crown Point a very complimentary letter of introduction from the town superintendent of common schools of the town of Crown Point, New York, as follows:

"Crown Point, New York
Essex County
October 28, 1849

"I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the bearer, Robert H. Jenks, and that he is a young man of respectable parentage and connections, of exceptional character and industrious habits, and that he has taught school three seasons in this town to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Signed

"Alfred S. Palmer
Town Superintendent of Common
Schools
Crown Point, New York."

A copy of a certificate to teach school in St. Clair county, Michigan, for two years and signed by M. H. Miles and H. H. Mather is still in the family.

He taught school for a time and then entered the employ of J. L. Woods & Company, lumbermen, at Lexington, Michigan.

He married Mary Sherbourn Clarke at the home of her father, Captain John Clarke, in East China township, on the St. Clair River, April 13, 1854. Nine children were born to them: Sarah Helen, April 16, 1855; Emeline Woodbury, June 13, 1857; Herbert Lind, October 26, 1859; Lucy Arzelia, September 4,

1861; Ella Amanda, Sept. 3, 1863; Helen Clarke, 1865; John Henry, 1866; Benjamin Lane, June 13, 1869; and Tubal Owen, October 6, 1871.

Sarah Helen and Ella Amanda died at the age of one year, and Herbert Lind at the age of fourteen, October 23, 1872.

Father formed a partnership with Doctor Dickie to engage in the drug business in St. Clair. This continued until he was appointed postmaster in 1865, which office he held for about a year. He was out during the Johnson administration, but was reappointed when President Grant came into office—1869 to 1881. He formed a partnership with his brother, Bela W. Jenks, to ship baled hay and other farm produce from a large hay barn owned by them on the St. Clair River. They also did extensive lumbering in Midland county. The land from which they cut the timber was, after many years, allowed to be sold for taxes. Today this land is in the center of the oil industry.

Father was president of the St. Clair and Macomb County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He had two large farms on the St. Clair River which he operated with a tenant. He had so many interests that, when we were asked at school what business our father was in, we were puzzled how to answer the question. He was managing owner of several freight boats, including the James Davidson, which in 1883 went aground on Thunder-Bay Island. While the boat was on the rocks, there came up a severe storm, which made it apparent that the boat could not be saved, and the furnishings which could be removed were stored in a warehouse in Alpena, a short distance away, only to be destroyed by the burning of the warehouse.

The Dean Richmond was another boat in which father had stock. It, too, was lost in Lake Erie with all on board; no particulars of the wreck were ever obtained. He also had a part interest in the steamer Leland, which was burned to the water's edge. After that he decided that boat property was not for him.

There was a very beautiful friendship between Father and his older brother, Bela. In the nearly fifty years of their partnership they were never separated. In addition to their daily association in the office, each visited the other's home at least once a week, and the children of the two families were more like brothers and sisters than cousins. They lived within a few blocks of each other. The Jenkses were surely a clannish tribe.

The men of the two families drove into the country to visit their two sisters, Mrs. Stowell and Mrs. Beckwith, almost every Sunday. Very often, in the midst of winter, the two men and their wives would take a two-days' drive, in a double sleigh with a team of horses to visit their eldest brother, Jeremiah Jenks, who had settled in Sand Beach, now Harbor Beach.

Father was a very public-spirited man. He strove for years to bring the extension of the M. C. R. R. into St. Clair. He was

on the school board for many years. There has been a Jenks on the St. Clair city school board continuously from the time the school district was organized in 1858 until the death of Russ S. Jenks. Father was also a director of Somerville School and served his city as mayor for three terms. The last twenty years of his life he was cashier and later president of the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair. He was a familiar figure as he drove his old gray horse, Billy, and tall top buggy about the country roads to adjust fire losses for his insurance company.

One day he was driving in the country when a woman ran out of her house with a pail of water in her hand and screamed to him to stop. He had put his pipe in his overcoat pocket and the fire from it burned through to the seat and was merrily consuming the back of his buggy. He was facing a strong north wind and did not notice the odor of the burning material.

During the summer he drove to his farm every morning at six o'clock, returning to his duties at the bank at nine o'clock. His horse would stand unhitched in front of the bank till noon, except that on cold or stormy days, Father would fasten the reins around the whip, give the horse a slap and tell him to go home, which he did as carefully as though he were being driven and walked into the barn, the doors of which had been left open for him. Everyone knew him and he was not molested. One day, however, a stranger stopped the horse, but he was told unceremoniously by the natives to attend to his own business.

Father went with my grandfather, who was a delegate, to the Under the Oaks Convention in Jackson, July 6, 1854, which marked the birth of the Republican party. He also attended the Yorktown Celebration in 1881.

In June, 1897, a big reunion of all the Jenks' clan was held in the orchard of our old home on Ninth street, St. Clair. Tables were spread for the 150 present, and all but a very few were born with the name of Jenks or carried the name. There were 27 first cousins by the name of Jenks; Walton was the only one of the 27 who was not present. He was ill in California. There were uncles, aunts and grandchildren. Father had a big bunch of bananas hung in a tree where the children could help themselves and large churns of lemonade were available for all. A string quartet furnished music. Father sat at the head of one long table and Uncle Bela at the head of the other. Of the more than sixty grandchildren of the five brothers, some of whom are now fifty years of age, only six have died.

A reproduction of the program of the first Jenks' reunion:

REUNION
of the
JENKS FAMILY
in the orchard of
Mr. Robert H. Jenks
Saint Clair, Michigan
July seventh
1897

PROGRAMME

Hon. Bela W. Jenks, chairman

Welcome

Mrs. R. H. Jenks

Response

Mrs. Elizabeth Jenks Nims

Hon. Robert H. Jenks, toastmaster

Toasts

- Our Ancestors Mr. W. L. Jenks
Brave men were our grandfathers, sturdy and strong.
They were stern in their virtues, they hated all wrong.
- Our Pursuits Mr. Bela Whipple Jenks
By honest pursuits and studies.
- Childhood Home..... Prof. Jerry Jenks
How dear to my heart, are the scenes of my childhood.
- Prophecy Mr. Ben L. Jenks
And coming events cast their shadows before.
- Necrology Miss Hester P. Jenks
Friend after friend departs.
- The Stranger Within Our Gates.....Miss Abbie Pearce

The following is quoted from a newspaper article at the time of father's death: "Mr. Jenks was a great reader and kept abreast of the current topics. He was a man of unusual strength of character and integrity and of broad sympathies which endeared him to his fellow townsmen. He died at his home in St. Clair, June 12, 1898, and was given a Knight Templar burial.

"The Jenkses were a sturdy race. With one or two exceptions, the elder members of the family reached three score, and some even four score years. There were many children and grandchildren. The men were money makers and good executives. Among the children there was a college president and several lawyers, but most of them were shrewd business men with reputations for strict integrity and clean lives."

Mother was more literary than domestic in her tastes. She belonged to two of the oldest women's organizations in the state: The St. Clair Ladies' Library Association and the St. Clair Ladies' History Class. She prepared excellent articles and papers, many

of which were published in the local papers, and she wrote some very creditable poems. She was always sweet and gentle. She was never very strong. Her doctor who cared for her the last eleven years of her life said of her: "She always reminds me of a bit of rare old Dresden China, too fragile and delicate for the rough things of life and demanding the most loving care and attention" (which Father always gave her).

Our family lived first in the house just west of the Old Congregational Church on the site of Mrs. Dale's home. Sarah was born there. Later they moved into the house on Third street, the homestead of Doctor Cornell's family. Emeline was born there. In the spring of 1859, Father bought the large tract of land on Ninth street and built our home at the head of Jay street. When completed, Grandfather Clarke furnished the house from cellar to attic, the parlor in mahogany and haircloth and the bedrooms in heavy walnut. In this house the remainder of the children were born.

Mother had united with a Presbyterian Church in Chicago, but as there was no church of that denomination in St. Clair, she joined the Congregational Church and her children were brought up in the "Old White Church." Father, whose sympathies were Baptist, never united with the church, but contributed largely to its support. He used to say that he was a "brother-in-law to the church."

After Father's death, Mother came to Ypsilanti to make her home with us. She died at our home, January 4, 1910, and was taken back to St. Clair for burial.

EMELINE WOODBURY JENKS
(Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Crampton)
(1857-1928)

(St. Clair, Michigan)

Emeline Woodbury, daughter of Robert H. and Mary Sherbourn Clarke Jenks, was born in St. Clair, June 13, 1857. She graduated from the St. Clair high school with the class of 1875 and attended the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, 1877-78. She taught in St. Clair for one year. On December 31, 1879, she married Benjamin Franklin Crampton (b. in Fremont, Ohio, January 27, 1847), a merchant. Six children were born to them: Ralph Owen, Abigail Pearce, Robert Jenks, Paul Scott, Helen Emma, and John Edward. Helen was born June 4, 1888. She is unmarried and is living in St. Clair.

Mr. and Mrs. Crampton, soon after their marriage, bought the old Barron homestead at the head of Thornapple street where their children were all born.

Mrs. Crampton was a member of The Ladies' Library Association and the St. Clair Ladies' History Class, two of the oldest

women's clubs in Michigan. She was very much interested in the public schools and in education generally. She organized the Otsiketa chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, was its regent for two terms, and director on the State D. A. R. board, and served on several of the State committees. She was the author of a brief history of the Jenks family from which I have taken some information in writing this history.

Em was active in all civic matters in St. Clair; she was chairman of the city committee which reserved the land for Palmer Park, named for Senator Thomas W. Palmer, and placed there the drinking fountain. She reorganized the St. Clair Ladies' Library Association, which had been allowed to lie idle many years, and was president of the board at the time of her death. She was one of the organizers of the St. Clair Improvement Society and an officer in the St. Clair County Republican Club. She died in St. Clair, October 3, 1928, and was buried in Roselawn cemetery, East China, where all her mother's people were buried. Her husband died in Detroit in 1930 and was buried beside her.

RALPH OWEN CRAMPTON

(1880-1933)

(Cleveland, Ohio)

Ralph Owen, son of Emeline Jenks and Benjamin F. Crampton, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, October 6, 1880. He attended the St. Clair schools and Cleary College, Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 1890 he entered the employ of the Ohio Sash and Door Company, Cleveland. He was married to Alice Decker (b. January 15, 1885, in Cleveland), June 25, 1913. He became president of the R. O. Crampton Building Company. One son, John Ruhland Decker, was born to them in Cleveland, March 18, 1923. Ralph died in Cleveland, May 8, 1933, where Mrs. Crampton and her son are still living at 116 Bender Ave.

ABIGAIL PEARCE CRAMPTON

(Mrs. Goodwin Evatt)

(2032 East 115th St., Cleveland, Ohio)

Abigail Pearce, daughter of Emeline W. Jenks and Benjamin F. Crampton, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, April 7, 1882. She graduated from the St. Clair high school in 1900 and spent one year in Flint doing post graduate work in the high school and living with her mother's friend, Mrs. Mary Rice Fairbanks. She attended Michigan State Normal College, graduating in June 24, 1908. She was a member of Sigma Nu Phi sorority. September 7, 1910, she was married to Frederick Goodwin Evatt at her home in St. Clair. They made their home in Flint, Michigan, until Mr. Evatt's death in Owensboro, Kentucky, November 16, 1913. Abigail then attended the University of Michigan and graduated

June 24, 1919. She was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenckes chapter Daughters of the American Revolution in Harbor Beach. She has been for many years a valued teacher in Cleveland Heights schools. She has spent her summers in travel abroad, and in the United States, in Alaska and in the Hawaiian Islands with Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherzer.

ROBERT JENKS CRAMPTON

(Aurora, Ohio)

Robert Jenks, son of Emeline W. Jenks and Benjamin F. Crampton, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, August 20, 1884. He attended St. Clair public schools and Cleary College, Ypsilanti, Michigan. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the lumber business with his brother, Ralph. He joined the Ohio National Guard in 1916, saw service on the Mexican border, Fifth Ohio Infantry, was in training in Camp Sheridan, Illinois, and Montgomery, Ala., until May, 1916; was commissioned First Lieutenant, 145th Infantry, 37th Division, U.S.A., in May, 1918; was in France from June, 1918, to January 1, 1919; transferred from infantry to the air service in 1918; was honorably discharged at Long Island, New York, January 14, 1919. He married, June 19, 1926, Grace Atcheson, a registered nurse, (b. Cambridge, Ohio, August 9, 1903), daughter of Ida May Taylor and David Atcheson. A son, Robert Jenks, was born June 12, 1930. Grace and an infant daughter died Feb. 25, 1935. Mr. Crampton is at the head of the Crampton Homes Company, Vermilion-on-the-Lake, Ohio, and is now manager of the Aurora Ponds, Aurora, Ohio, where he resides.

PAUL SCOTT CRAMPTON

(Marshall Building, Cleveland, Ohio)

Paul Scott, son of Emeline W. Jenks and Benjamin F. Crampton, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, March 6, 1886. He attended St. Clair schools and graduated from the high school in 1903. He worked for a year in Port Huron and entered the University of Michigan in 1904. He graduated from the University with the degree of LL.B. in 1908, and was admitted to the Michigan Bar the same year. Soon after graduation he went to Cleveland, Ohio, being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1908, and has practiced law ever since. He served as color sergeant in the 145th Ohio Infantry and also in the Dayton floods of 1913.

September 18, 1912, he married Mary Runnels Fayram (b. in Port Huron, August 4, 1887, daughter of Ida Botsford Runnels and Oswald Runnels), at his home in Saint Clair. They have resided in Cleveland, where three children were born to them—Paul Scott, September 1, 1913; Mary Runnels, November 27, 1916; Betty Jane, June 22, 1918.

Paul Scott, Jr., graduated "cum laude" from the American University, Washington, D. C., June 1, 1935, after only three and one-half years' work. He was elected to Pi Gamma Mu, a national social science honor society, was a member of a local A. U. fraternity, Phi Beta Zeta. He was Student Comptroller, President of the student body and of his fraternity; played football and basketball all four years he was in college. He has now an excellent position with the American Security and Trust Company at Washington, D. C. June 13, 1936, he married in Cleveland, Lucile Mills (b. January 13, 1913, daughter of Don T. and Grace Mills of Cleveland).

Mary Runnels Crampton was graduated from the Cleveland high school in June, 1933, and later from the Teachers' College affiliated with Western Reserve University. She has been active in Girl Scout work and was awarded the Gold Eaglet badge, the highest attainable. She is now teaching in Hiram, Ohio.

Betty was graduated from a Cleveland high school and is now attending Kent College, Kent, Ohio.

JOHN EDWARD CRAMPTON
(Guardian Trust Bank Bldg.)
(Detroit, Michigan)

John Edward, son of Emeline W. Jenks and Benjamin F. Crampton, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, December 3, 1898. He attended the public schools of St. Clair, and Lakewood, Ohio. He also attended Cleary College and the Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, graduating from the latter in June, 1921. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1918 and was in training from June until December. He was married April 27, 1921, in Ypsilanti, to Katherine Stapleton, (daughter of Reverend Edwin and Althea McRoy Stapleton, b. November 18, 1898). They have five children: Muriel, b. March 13, 1922; Dorothy Jane, January 9, 1924; Abigail Jenks, August 26, 1925; and John Edward, Jr., October 1, 1926, all in Ypsilanti, and Robert Stapleton, in St. Clair, Michigan, September 7, 1929.

Mr. Crampton was superintendent of schools at Ida for two years and was with the Peoria Life Insurance Company, in Ypsilanti, for several years and with the Massachusetts Mutual.

He was divorced by Katherine Stapleton Crampton in 1931 and married to Mrs. Sara Kent Wilson, of Mt. Pleasant, January 9, 1934.

He is now with the Connecticut Life Insurance Company in Detroit, at 4015 Blaine Ave.

Katherine and the children are living in Ypsilanti.

LUCY ARZELIA JENKS

(Mrs. J. L. Rees)

(1861-1937)

(3220 Warrington Road, Cleveland, Ohio)

Lucy Arzelia, daughter of Robert Henry and Mary Sherbourn Clarke Jenks, was born in Saint Clair, Michigan, September 4, 1861. She attended the Saint Clair schools and Somerville school for girls, under the tutelage of Mrs. Caroline Ballentine, a noted educator of that day. In 1883 she was engaged to teach in the schools of East Houghton, Michigan, where she remained for six years. She was married September 26, 1889, at her home in St. Clair to John Livermore Rees (b. in Eagle River, Michigan, February 10, 1860, son of Seth and Eugenia Livermore Rees; graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, in 1881). One daughter, Aileen, was born to them in Houghton, Michigan.

Lucy was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenckes chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Ypsilanti chapter D. A. R. and a member of the Detroit chapter of Daughters of Patriots and Founders of America. She operated the Windermere Hotel at Huronia Beach, near Port Huron, and was a stockholder in and the manager of Gratiot Inn, also near Port Huron, and was at one time manager of the Manatee River Apartments, Bradenton, Florida. She was a splendid executive, and dearly loved by all associated with her, employees and guests alike. She had a large circle of devoted friends. She died March 17, 1937, at the home of her daughter and was buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

AILEEN REES

(Mrs. Charles Francis Newpher)

(3220 Warrington Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio)

Aileen, daughter of Lucy Jenks and John Livermore Rees, was born in Houghton, Michigan, November 3, 1892. She attended Houghton schools until she moved with her parents to Cleveland in 1902 where she attended the Cleveland schools. She graduated from Shaw high school in 1910 and from the Cleveland Kindergarten Training College in 1912. She took music lessons from the best teachers in Cleveland and was a fine pianist.

She was married October 12, 1912, to Charles Francis Newpher (son of Francis and Carrie Briggs Newpher, b. August 10, 1888). Two children were born to them in Cleveland: Charles Richard, June 30, 1915, and Janet Elizabeth, June 10, 1920.

Aileen was a charter member of Jeremiah Jenckes chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Harbor Beach. She is an active member of Shaker Heights Parent-Teacher Association and a clever contract bridge player.

Dick graduated June, 1937, from Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland and is a member of the Phi Psi Fraternity. Janet is in Shaker Heights high school and is a gifted pianist; she has played over the radio at fourteen. She acted as counsellor for several years at Boulder Point, Rainbow Lake, New York.

HELEN CLARKE JENKS

(Mrs. P. Roger Cleary, Ypsilanti, Michigan)

Helen Clarke, daughter of Robert Henry and Mary Sherbourn Clarke Jenks, was born August 3, 1865, in St. Clair, Michigan. She attended the St. Clair public schools, graduating in 1883, and Somerville, a private school in St. Clair for girls.

June 27, 1889, she was married to P. Roger Cleary (b. August 14, 1858, in Ireland; founded Cleary College, in 1883, and is still its president). Four children were born to them: Charles Brooks, Marjory Julia, Ruth Marie, and Owen Jenks Cleary.

Mrs. Cleary compiled the records of the boys who entered the World War from the southern half of Washtenaw county under a commission from Governor Albert C. Sleeper.

She is a life member of the Ypsilanti Ladies' Library, for sixteen years a member of the board and its secretary for twelve years. During this time she compiled a history of the fifty years of this association, which was published by the board. She is a member of the Ladies' Literary Club of Ypsilanti; Detroit Chapter of the Michigan Daughters of Patriots and Founders of America; Ypsilanti chapter of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution, of which chapter she has been Vice-Regent, Regent, Historian, respectively. She was State Librarian of the D. A. R. for three years. She is an active member of the Ypsilanti Congregational church.

CHARLES BROOKS CLEARY

(Ypsilanti, Michigan)

Charles Brooks Cleary, son of Helen Clarke Jenks and P. Roger Cleary, was born at Ypsilanti, Michigan, October 15, 1890. He graduated from the Normal training school, Ypsilanti high school and Cleary College. He attended the Michigan State Normal College for one year and was a member of the Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1914, with an A. B. degree and a Business Administration Certificate. He taught for four years in Cleary College while attending the University and then took charge of the Huron Press, a Cleary-owned business.

He enlisted in the Ypsilanti Signal Corps and served on the Mexican Border during most of the year of 1916. Upon his return to Michigan, he applied for admission to Camp Sheridan, near Chicago. Permission was granted him and he entered the First

Officers' Training Camp and was commissioned Second Lieutenant Cavalry, R. C., in August, 1917. He was with the 328th M 9 Co. Camp Custer, Michigan, August 28 to September 20, 1917; Oct. 1 to Nov. 17, 1917, he was with the 147th Field Artillery, Camps Greene, N. C., and Mills, N. Y.; Nov. 17 to Dec. 29, 1917, 305th F.A. Camp Upton, N. Y.; Jan. 15, 1918, sailed for France. Jan. 31 to April 25, 1918, F.A.S.I., Saumur, France; Apr. 30 to July 28, 1918, Battery F., 7th F. A., First Division; July 29 to September 7th, 1918, acting Adjutant 1st F.A. Brigade; Sept. 18, 1918, promoted to 1st Lt., F. A., assigned First Division; Sept. 14, 1918, was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Brig. Gen. L. R. Holbrook, commanding 54th F. A., Brigade 29th Division. He was granted the War Cross of Montenegro, Order of St. Danilo, Montenegro; and is entitled to wear the French Fouragere.

Activities in World War in France; Defensive before Montdidier, Apr. 30 to July 18, 1918; Aisne-Marne Offensive, July 18 to 28, 1918; Toul Sector, August 5 to Sept. 7, 1918; Meuse-Argonne Offensive, Nov. 1 to Nov. 7, 1918—all with Field Artillery of the 1st Division. Returned to the United States, June, 1919; sent to Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., where he was honorably discharged from the army in August, 1919; returned to Ypsilanti, where he again took charge of the Huron Press.

Mr. Cleary married Althea May Weaver, May 3, 1922, in Atlanta, Ga. One child, Patricia May, was born to them in Ypsilanti, April 30, 1923. The family moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where a son, Thomas Weaver, was born to them, Nov. 15, 1924; engaged in the real estate business, belonging to the Florida Real Estate Board; later entered the employ of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company; was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida. Here a daughter, Anita Joyce, was born to them, January 14, 1932; transferred to Savannah, Georgia, in 1933; returned to Ypsilanti in November, 1933, and is at present field secretary for Cleary College and director of admissions of the College.

Mr. Cleary was divorced by May Weaver Cleary in 1935 and married Olive A. Reynolds in Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 4, 1937. She is the daughter of Hardie L. and Mabelle Mudge Reynolds and was born March 6, 1904, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

MARJORY JULIA CLEARY

(Mrs. Charles Arthur McKenny)

(Detroit, Michigan)

Marjory Julia, daughter of Helen Clarke Jenks and P. Roger Cleary, was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, was graduated from the Ypsilanti high school, Cleary College, and the Michigan State Normal College and the University of Michigan, (A. B. degree and Business Administration Certificate), summa cum laude, 1918; went to Washington, D. C., to serve as secretary in the offices of

the War Industries Board in August, 1918; had charge of the commercial department of the Owosso high school for three years; taught in Cleary College and served as secretary there.

On Dec. 31, 1919, she was married to Charles Arthur McKenny (son of Charles McKenny, at that time president of the Michigan State Normal College, and Minnie Alderman McKenny) and a graduate of the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering. They went to Hamilton, Ohio, to live in April, 1920. Two sons were born to them in Hamilton, Ohio, Charles Arthur, Jr., Oct. 26, 1920, and Owen Cleary, May 15, 1925 (Charles Arthur was graduated from Cooley High School, Detroit, in 1937, and is now at the University of Michigan). Mr. McKenny, while in Hamilton, was in the employ of the Ford Motor Company as an engineer. He moved to Detroit with his family in the spring of 1928 and is in the employ of the Chevrolet Motor Company as an engineer.

Mrs. McKenny, while at the Normal College, became a member of the Sigma Nu Phi sorority and the honor scholastic society, the Stoics. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Michigan and served as president of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Chapter. While in Hamilton, Ohio, she was a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The national society of the D. A. R. at Washington has accepted papers of four additional Revolutionary ancestors as supplemental to those of Jeremiah Jenks—Robert and Jesse Lane, John Clarke and Jonathan Jenks.

RUTH MARIE CLEARY

(57 Forest Ave., Riverside, Illinois)

Ruth Marie, daughter of Helen Clarke Jenks and P. Roger Cleary, was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, July 11, 1894.

She graduated from the Ypsilanti high school, Cleary College, Michigan State Normal College, and the University of Michigan, A. B. degree, and later M.A. degree, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She studied for two years in Conservatory of Music, Michigan State Normal College, where she was a member of the Harmonious Mystics, a musical sorority; also studied in New York University School of Retailing and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

In 1918 she took the civil service examination in Detroit and went to Washington, D. C., to work for the War Industries Board, as secretary to Dr. Jones. She was honorably discharged from service, December 23, 1918.

She taught commercial work in Owosso, Mich., high school in Cleary College and in the Illinois State Normal College, Normal, Illinois, for three years, and was head of the Commercial Department of the Elgin, Illinois, high school for seven years; now head of the commercial department of the Riverside-Brook-

field high school, Riverside, Illinois; has been secretary and president of the commercial section of the Illinois State Teachers' Association.

OWEN JENKS CLEARY

Ypsilanti, Michigan

Owen Jenks Cleary, son of Helen Clarke Jenks and P. Roger Cleary, was born February 4, 1900, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

He graduated from the Normal Training school, the Ypsilanti high school and Cleary College.

In the spring of 1918 President McKenny, of the Normal College, was asked to pick four boys with qualities for leadership to go to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, to train for the R. O. T. C. Owen was one of the boys selected. He entered Fort Sheridan in July, 1918; was transferred to Camp Perry, Ohio, in August of that year; was commissioned 2nd Lieut. in September and transferred to East Lansing, as small arms instructor; he was placed in charge of the influenza convalescent camp, where twenty young boys lost their lives with the dreaded disease; received his honorable discharge from the army, December 31, 1918.

Upon his return to Ypsilanti he completed his course at the Michigan State Normal College, 1919; was a member of the Stoic Society and Phi Delta Phi Fraternity. He entered the University of Michigan and graduated in 1925—A.B. degree and Business Administration Certificate; was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He joined the 32nd Signal Co., Mich. National Guard, and was commissioned 2nd Lieut. June 10, 1921, and 1st Lieut. Oct. 31, 1921.

In 1927 he entered the University of Detroit Law School and was graduated in 1931—Juris Doctor degree and the Hosmer Award for highest average in class work; member of the Delta Theta Phi Fraternity.

He was commissioned 1st Lieut. of Infantry in 1928 and is now Captain of Headquarters Company, 32nd division of National Guard; has been commander of Ypsilanti Post, American Legion, and president of Ypsilanti Rotary Club.

He is Dean of Administration at Cleary College and member and treasurer of the board of trustees.

August 17, 1929, he was married in Detroit, to Felicia Marie DeWaele (born April 25, 1906) of Bay City. Two children were born to them, Catherine Ann, November 3, 1930, and Patrick Roger II, October 10, 1934.

Mr. Cleary is senior partner in the law firm of Cleary and Weins, Ypsilanti, to which he gives much time in addition to his college work; he also is in much demand for addressing high school assemblies and other public gatherings, being especially

talented as a speaker; was secretary of the Republican County Committee; and President of Ypsilanti Board of Commerce.

JOHN HENRY JENKS

(26 Monterey Avenue, Detroit, Michigan)

John Henry, son of Robert H. and Mary Sherbourn Clarke Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, December 4, 1866. He attended the St. Clair schools and the Goldsmith, Bryant and Stratton College, Detroit.

With his cousin, Russ Jenks, he supervised the shipping of hay and other produce from the big hay barn on the St. Clair River for the firm of B. W. and R. H. Jenks. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1884 and entered the firm of Woods, Perry and Company and later the Robert H. Jenks Lumber Company. He was a member of the Order of Black Cat, the Union Club, and Roadside Club, Cleveland, and the Detroit Club, Detroit.

He was married March 27, 1890, to Marie Davidson (b. November 28, 1868, daughter of Charles A. and Marie Elizabeth Adams Davidson, of Cleveland). No children. Mrs. Jenks died. He married August, 1915, Carrie Mather Ballinger, daughter of Edward B. and Emily Kitton Mather. He is now in the wholesale lumber business in Detroit.

John, Russ and I were so nearly the same age that we were close companions and warm friends from early childhood. We moved in the same social circles and my friends were their friends. John's wife (Carrie Mather) and Russ' wife (Grace Kitton) were my girlhood friends before they married into the family. Grace, although a year younger than Carrie, is her aunt, her mother's sister; you may figure the relationship between John and Russ.

BENJAMIN LANE JENKS

(32nd floor Terminal Tower, Moorland Courts Apts.)

(Cleveland, Ohio)

Benjamin Lane Jenks, son of Robert Henry and Mary Sherbourn Clarke Jenks, was born at St. Clair, Michigan, June 13, 1869. He was graduated from St. Clair high school and attended Michigan Agricultural College in 1888, where he was a member of the Eclectic Society. In 1880 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the employ of the Robert H. Jenks Lumber Company.

October 4, 1899, he was married to Clara Louise Davidson (b. April 27, 1880, daughter of Charles A. Davidson and Mary Elizabeth Adams). Soon after his marriage, Mr. Jenks began the study of law at Cleveland school of Baldwin Wallace College at Berea, Ohio. He was graduated in 1903 (LL.B.) and was admitted to the Ohio Bar and was sworn in at Columbus, Ohio, in 1903. He was president of the Van Sweringen Company. Their home is now in Moorland Court Apartments, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

MARY JOSEPHINE JENKS

(Mrs. Charles Fletcher)

(Shaker Heights, Ohio)

Mary Josephine, daughter of Benjamin Lane and Clara Louise Davidson Jenks, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 4, 1900. She graduated from Shaker Heights high school and from Smith College in 1922. She traveled extensively in Europe. She was married in Paris, France, March 18, 1925, to Hans Glad Block, Norwegian director of a Norwegian factory in Jamerchie, Poland. A daughter, Joanne, was born to them in Cleveland, April 26, 1927. Mary Josephine was divorced in the summer of 1931 and was given the custody of Joanne.

July 8, 1932, she was married to Charles Fletcher Rogers, dean of the department of Fine Arts, University of Arizona. Two children were born to them, Celia Jane, April 7, 1933, and Charles Fletcher, Jr., October 23, 1934. They are now living in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

DAVIDSON JENKS

(Scottsdale, Arizona)

Davidson Jenks, son of Benjamin Lane and Clara Louise Davidson Jenks, was born in Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, May 7, 1909. He attended Shaker Heights schools and Williams College, class of 1932; member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity. He married January 17, 1934, Jane Helen Trebing, daughter of Charles J. and Helen Trebing, of Cleveland, Ohio. She attended Hathaway Brown School, Cleveland, and Erskine School, Boston. He is buyer for and manager of the linen department of Higbee Store, Cleveland. A son, James Davidson Jenks, was born August 11, 1935.

In December, 1937, the family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona.

OWEN TUBAL JENKS

Owen Tubal, son of Robert Henry and Mary Clarke Jenks, was born in St. Clair, Michigan, October 6, 1871. He attended the St. Clair public schools and Cleary College, Ypsilanti, Michigan, in 1890. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1890 and sold lumber for Cleveland firms. He organized the Owen T. Jenks Lumber Company, of which he was president. He understood the lumber business thoroughly and was a successful salesman.

He married Marion Wilcox, of Wellington, Ohio, September 23, 1896. No children.

During the World War he was at Camp Greene, Fayetteville, N. C., as superintendent of building operations. He died in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 11, 1928, of pneumonia.

CONCLUSION

Our fathers of the first generation have departed to the "bourne from whence no man returneth."

We, of the second generation, have about finished our roles and are, one by one, leaving the stage to the third and fourth generations, who are eagerly crowding forward to play their parts and in turn, will give place to the fifth generation, who are now entering schools and colleges.

May we all so play our parts that the world may be the better for our having lived in it.

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